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City of El Paso Public Libraries Selected as Partner in National Project on Gender Equitable and Culturally Responsive Science Learning

EL PASO, Texas—The El Paso Public Libraries is proud to announce that two branch libraries have been selected to participate in the STAR Net STEAM Equity Project to host a fun and hands-on bilingual (English Spanish) science exhibition.

The Dorris Van Doren Branch Library, 551 Redd Road, is featuring the exhibit pieces, Soy Super/I'm Super and Somos Super Creativ@s/We're Super Creative.

The Esperanza Acosta Moreno Branch Library, 12480 Pebble Hills, is featuring the Soy Super Curios@/I'm Super Curious exhibit.

The exhibits seek to empower tweens and their families in equitable STEAM learning and career paths by building off their existing strengths, interests, and diverse cultures.

The STEAM Equity project—where STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math—is designed specifically for libraries in communities with sizeable Latin populations.

"We are so proud to be chosen for this amazing opportunity," said El Paso Public Libraries Director Norma Martinez. "I think kids and adults alike will see that science, technology, engineering and math are more than school subjects—they offer ways to approach our personal and community needs and inspire creativity, collaboration, and the curiosity to learn more."

The community will have the opportunity to interact with hands-on games and activities from now through September. For more information on the exhibition, including a list of programs and services offered by the El Paso Public Libraries, visit ElPasoLibrary.org.

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About STAR Net STEAM
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