

# Monthly Newsletter



**May 2026**  
**LIBRARY CLOSED**  
**May 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>** in  
observance of  
**Memorial Day. We**  
**will reopen**  
**Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**

**It is time for the ECL**

**2026 Summer**

**Reading Program!**

**Kick Off Party**

**Saturday, May 16**

**12pm -2pm.**



## Ector County Library in the news!

**Imagination Library to reach more children through new state partnership**

By Odessa American - April 6, 2026

The Ector County Library is proud to announce that the Texas State Library and Archives Commission is supporting a major expansion of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library across Texas, along with partner Education Foundation of Odessa.

Since launching over 30 years ago, the Imagination Library has become the preeminent, international early childhood book-gifting program. Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is dedicated to inspiring a love of reading by gifting free books each month to children 0-5 years old.

"We are honored to receive this grant in support of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, a program that has transformed the way children discover the joy of reading. Inspired by Dolly Parton's vision, this initiative ensures that more children in our community have access to books from an early age, setting the foundation for lifelong learning," Education Foundation of Odessa Executive Director Celeste Potter said in a news release.

"This special partnership between the Education Foundation of Odessa and us is about more than books – it's about opportunity. Together, we are giving every child in Ector County the chance to dream, learn, and grow from the very start, ensuring that all kiddos enrolled have the tools to succeed – and that every parent has the support to nurture a lifelong love of reading and literacy," said Ector County Library Director Howard Marks. <https://www.multibriefs.com/briefs/TXLA/TXLA040726.php>

For more information about the Imagination Library <https://imaginationlibrary.com/>

ESTABLISHED 1938  
ECTOR COUNTY LIBRARY  
FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

# Awesome events!

**Skins & Skulls**  
 Ector County Library  
 May 1, 2026  
 4:30pm-5:30pm  
 Auditorium

Skins & Skulls is a program of education & specialized on native Texas wildlife using animal skulls & skins.

Skins & Skulls es un programa educativo y especializado sobre la fauna nativa de Texas, utilizando cráneos y pieles de animales.

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION  
 FIRST FRIDAY

**SHARE YOUR STORIES. CELEBRATE YOUR LIFE.**

- Friendly conversations and laughter
- Storytelling and memory sharing
- A chance to connect with others

**CONTACT US** (432)653-1794  
 SWGENQUESTIONS@GMAIL.COM

**ECTOR COUNTY LIBRARY**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
 Southwest History and Genealogy Dept.

**Saturday**  
 May 2, 2026  
 11 am-12 pm

## TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

### WIRED FOR DISASTER: THE US POWER GRID AT RISK

Join us for a free educational seminar exploring how the power grid works, what makes it vulnerable, and practical steps you can take to stay prepared in the event of a long-term blackout! Participants will also learn how to build a simple faraday cage to protect essential devices and more!

SAT, MAY 9TH, 2026 10:30 AM  
 ECTOR COUNTY LIBRARY  
 321 W. 5TH STREET  
 ODESSA, TX 79761

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION | DISASTER ASSESSMENT AND RECOVERY



FILL OUT A PROGRAM EVALUATION FORM AND SIGN UP FOR THE DAR NEWSLETTER AND GET A TICKET TO ENTER TO WIN A FREE ASSAULT PACK! WINNER WILL BE CHOSEN AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE PROGRAM!



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**ECTOR COUNTY LIBRARY**

# READ BETWEEN THE CRIMES

BOOK CLUB

**THURSDAY, MAY 21ST**  
 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

**EMAIL:**  
 SWGENQUESTIONS@GMAIL.COM

**TO REQUEST YOUR PHYSICAL COPY**

# Programming Highlights

## Children's Department

- May 1 First Friday Skins & Skulls 4:30pm - 5:30pm
- May 2 Dungeons & Dragons Club 1pm - 5pm
- May 7 Bilingual Storytime 10am - 10:30am  
Read to Felix 4pm - 5pm
- May 14 Read to Felix 4pm - 5pm
- May 16 SUMMER READING KICK OFF PARTY 12PM - 2PM
- May 20 Storytime Dinosaurs 10am - 11:30am
- May 21 Read to Felix 4pm - 5pm  
Tween: Dinosaur Terrariums 4:30pm - 6pm
- May 23 - 25 Library CLOSED for Memorial Day
- May 27 Storytime Dragons 10am - 11:30am
- May 28 Read to Felix 4pm - 5pm  
Tween: Bugs in Amber Slime 4:30pm - 6pm

## Community Outreach



## W.O.W

- May 2 - Dia Los Ninos 11-3
- May 4 - Hope for the Homeless 10:30-12:30
- May 6 - Deflourish 4:30-5:15  
- Alafia Haven 5:15-5:45
- May 12 - Harmony School 1:30-3  
- Headlee 4-5:45
- May 13 - Woodson 3:30-5:45
- May 15 - Goldsmith Grocery 1:30-2  
- Gardendale Grocery 2:15-2:45  
- Chevron Parking Lot 3-3:30  
- 87th St. Apartments 3:45-4:15
- May 26 - ECISD Community Outreach Center 10:30-12:30  
- ECISD Community Outreach Center 2-3  
- YMCA 4-5:45
- May 28 - Deerings 10:30-11:30  
- Brookdale 1:30-2:30  
- Madison 2:30-3:30

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JOIN US

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

WE WELCOME YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THE  
SPRING 2026 EXCEL HIGH SCHOOL  
COMMENCEMENT CELEBRATION.

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE ECTOR COUNTY LIBRARY  
AUDITORIUM WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY  
BETWEEN 3:00 AND 5:00 PM ON May 2, 2026.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.

THIS EVENT IS OPEN  
TO THE PUBLIC, BUT  
PLEASE DO RSVP.

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SATURDAY MAY 2, 2026 3-5 PM

# Resources



Ector County Library

Access premium audiobooks instantly for free with your library card!  
"No Waits, No Limits!"

**Blackstone**  
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Ector County Library

**COMICSPLUS**  
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Ector County Library

Apple iPads

EXPLORE  
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LEARN.

Available now for checkouts!  
Please see 1<sup>st</sup> floor circulation desk  
to borrow one!

## Computer lab hours:

Monday–Saturday

9:30am–6:30pm

Closed Sundays

## Need a Notary?

Contact SW/Genalogy Department,  
located on the 2nd floor.

IBy appointment only.

## Passport Office Hours:

Appointment only!

Online or Phone

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Monday-Friday

9:00am–6:00pm

Closed Saturdays and Sundays

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NEW LIBRARY OF THINGS!



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