



GOAL Program

September 2009 News

A Letter from the Project Manager...

IMLS GOAL Participants:

As some of you have heard by now, the El Paso Area Libraries Consortium (EPAL) Grow our Own Area Librarians (GOAL) program was not selected for funding by the Institute of Museum and Library Services this year. We are in the process of asking for a one year extension to finish using the scholarship funds we have left over, and we will be resubmitting again at the earliest time possible for next year.

I want to assure you that this is not the end of the GOAL Program. Part of what we are tasked with is “Sustainability”, how does the program continue after the federal dollars are gone? EPAL will contribute to the scholarship fund and we have a local fundraising effort that will begin soon. For those of you who have already graduated with your MS in Library & Information Science because of the financial assistance the GOAL program offered you, we look to you to also give back to the program with a tax deductible donation to the scholarship fund.

We all have a job to do. Mine will be to look for alternative funding sources such as grants and foundations for sustainability. Yours is to continue with your best efforts in studies or volunteerism at public and academic libraries (Librarian in Training Volunteer Program-LTV). Be advised, the scholarship process will become more competitive as more people apply for the few awards we have to offer, so your cooperation now will reflect greatly in future applications.

I would like to express my appreciation to all the mentors who have given so much to the GOAL program. We could not have done it without you. Remember the next college bound application deadline is November 16, 2009.

Best Wishes,
Ruben Castaneda
GOAL Project Manager

Training Opportunity

Join us at Esperanza A. Moreno Regional Library Branch

12480 Pebble Hills



The Mother Daughter Book Club
invites you to join them for a
presentation of
Positive Discipline for Teenagers
Guest Speaker: Ruben Castaneda
September 1, 5:30 PM -7:00 PM
This workshops counts for LIT's

2nd Annual Career Expo 2009

Monday, Sept. 21, 9 am- 12 pm

Career Services Department at [El Paso Community College \(EPCC\)](#) cordially invites you to attend the 2nd Annual Career Expo 2009.

The event is designed to assist hundreds of high school students from the El Paso area to create a career plan and to spark their interest in the various fields of studies.

The GOAL program will have a booth and will be passing out information about the IMLS Grant.

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“And the Survey said....?”



By now, each of you should have received a GOAL Program survey in the mail.

These surveys are **very** important to the grant administrators- they give a true picture of the results of the program. Please feel free to add extra comments, testimonials, stories to share, etc. It is that kind of feedback that will make the difference in future grants.

Thanks so much for taking the time to fill it out!

If you did not receive one, please call the Grant Office at
915-532-5588.

LIT Checklist



Requirements must be completed by September 1, 2009:

- 150 volunteer hours
- Attendance at 2 trainings
- complete 6 articles online at www.your-epal.org/GOAL/Articles
- If you will have problems completing the requirements by the due date, please contact your advisor.

CB Checklist

- Don't forget to send your grades to the office as soon as possible after you receive them.
- The next deadline for CB applications for Spring 2010 is Nov. 16, 2009.

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