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**LITERACY ACCESS FUND LAUNCHES GRANTS PROCESS WITH
INITIAL AWARD TO YORK COUNTY LIBRARIES**

CHESTER, PA, March 2, 2018 - Literacy Access Fund, a 501(c)(3), public charity, announces its first grant award of \$10,000 to York County Libraries in York, Pennsylvania. Literacy Access Fund secures funding from corporate, foundation, and individual partners in order to provide financial support to underfunded public libraries through a competitive granting process. The goal of the organization is to help libraries provide equal access to quality resources for young learners, regardless of economic factors.

This award will help fund the inclusion of digital technology into the library's preschool traveling story time program. "The overarching goal of our preschool story time is to build literacy skills in young children," according to Robert Lambert, President of York County Libraries. "By adding a digital component, participants will have access to fun, interactive technology that will provide immediate positive reinforcement. These learning activities will help bolster concepts and skills learning throughout our 13 public libraries."

Deborah B. Sorgi, Ed.D., Chair, Director & President of Literacy Access Fund, echoed Mr. Lambert's remarks. "Literacy Access Fund is pleased to financially support the York County Libraries' preschool story time program expansion. Mr. Lambert's keen assessment of integrating technology into early learning will help young children read, write, and succeed in school and in life." Dr. Sorgi also noted, "This is the first of many grants that will help deserving public libraries impact and inspire the leaders of tomorrow, today."

For more information about Literacy Access Fund, visit <http://www.literacyaccessfund.org/> or call 610-833-6411.

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About York County Libraries

The mission and vision of York County Libraries is to strengthen the York County community and to enrich individual lives by supplying information, providing recreation, promoting literacy, encouraging life-long learning, and serving as the hub of its communities.

About Literacy Access Fund

The mission of Literacy Access Fund is to make literacy a possibility for every child, in every community. The organization supports the public library as a community learning hub and a vital extension of the classroom and awards grants to underfunded public libraries to increase equal access to early literacy skills for young learners. Literacy Access Fund is headquartered in Chester, PA, with the ability to support public libraries across the United States.

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Pictured, front row: far left, Robert Lambert, President, York County Libraries; third from left, Duke Doblick, CFRE, Director of Fundraising, Literacy Access Fund. Members of the library board and staff also were in attendance.