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**LITERACY ACCESS FUND ANNOUNCES GRANT AWARD  
FROM UNIVEST BANK AND TRUST CO.**

CHESTER, PA - Literacy Access Fund, a 501(c)(3), public charity, is pleased to announce it was awarded a corporate grant in the amount of \$15,000 from Univest Bank and Trust Co., a subsidiary of Univest Financial Corporation. 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. This contribution will allow Literacy Access Fund to support public libraries in Reading, Pennsylvania, and Cape May County, New Jersey, to help fund the inclusion and enhancement of literacy resources for the library's young learners.

"Univest is proud to support Literacy Access Fund in their mission to make literacy a possibility for every child, in every community," said Jeff Schweitzer, president and CEO, Univest Financial Corporation. "For 142 years, Univest has been committed to supporting the local communities we serve. Giving our youth access to local public libraries will help them develop vital skills that will last a lifetime."

Deborah B. Sorgi, Ed.D., Chair, Director & President of Literacy Access Fund, echoed Schweitzer's remarks. "Literacy Access Fund is pleased to financially support literacy in the public libraries in Reading, Pennsylvania and Cape May County, New Jersey. We could not have accomplished this without the vision and collaborative partnership of a corporation like Univest Bank. Their generosity is both welcomed and appreciated." Dr. Sorgi also noted, "Our grant awards 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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Univest Financial<sup>SM</sup> (UVSP), including its wholly-owned subsidiary Univest Bank and Trust Co., Member FDIC, has approximately \$5.0 billion in assets and \$3.3 billion in assets under management and supervision through its wealth management division, as of December 31, 2018. Headquartered in Souderton, Pa. and founded in 1876, the Corporation and its subsidiaries provide a full-range of financial solutions for individuals, businesses, municipalities and nonprofit organizations in the Mid-Atlantic Region. For more information visit [www.univest.net](http://www.univest.net).

**About Literacy Access Fund**

The mission of Literacy Access Fund is to make literacy a possibility for every child, in every community. The organization provides support to 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 resources and skills for young learners. Literacy Access Fund is headquartered in Chester, Pennsylvania, with the ability to support public libraries across the United States.