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**LITERACY ACCESS FUND ANNOUNCES 2020 GRANT AWARD TO  
THE READING, PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

CHESTER, PA - Literacy Access Fund, a 501(c)(3) public charity, announces a grant award of \$2,980 to the Reading Public Library in Reading, Pennsylvania. Literacy Access Fund secures funding from corporate, foundations, 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 was made possible through a grant from the Univest Bank & Trust Company. The grant will help fund the acquisition of state-of-the-art technology for young children.

Ms. Bronwen Gamble, the Reading Public Library Director, stated that "The digital divide is as serious as the literacy divide in Reading. The acquisition of AWE early learning digital technology will go a long way to help reduce that divide." She also expressed her gratitude to Literacy Access Fund for the grant award.

Deborah B. Sorgi, Ed.D., Chair, Director & President of Literacy Access Fund, shared her thoughts. "Literacy Access Fund is pleased to support the Reading Public Library. The addition of an AWE Learning early literacy, bi-lingual tablet in a city where students come from 34 countries and speak 40 languages will provide invaluable support for their literacy development." Dr. Sorgi also noted, "We are gratified to be part of the development of public libraries as strong community hubs to support formal education."

For more information about Literacy Access Fund visit [www.literacyaccessfund.org](http://www.literacyaccessfund.org) or call 610-833-6411.

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***About the City of Reading Public Library.***

The City of Reading has a population of 88,500. All four library branches in Reading provide free early literacy classes for preschoolers, daily after school programs, and enrichment opportunities for families during school holidays and in the summer.

***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, Pennsylvania, with the ability to support public libraries across the United States.