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**LITERACY ACCESS FUND ANNOUNCES 2019 GRANT AWARD
TO THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY-NORRISTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY**

CHESTER, PA - Literacy Access Fund, a 501(c)(3), public charity, announces a grant award of \$7,770 to the Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library in Norristown, Montgomery County, 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.

The award was made possible through partnership funding from Republic Bank, headquartered in Philadelphia, PA. The grant will help fund the acquisition of state-of-the-art technology for young children and other library resources.

Kelly Isett, President of the Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library's Board of Directors, noted the Board's gratitude to Literacy Access Fund for the award. "It amazes me to see the wide range of programs, services, and activities that this library offers every day. This grant will provide our young patrons access to technology education that they might not otherwise obtain. We are grateful for this support."

Kathy Arnold-Yerger, Executive Director of the Library, wished to thank Literacy Access Fund and Republic Bank. "These funds will go a long way in continuing our efforts to make the library not only a safe and nurturing environment for children and their families, but one in which young people will gain new skills, confidence, and knowledge in the critical areas of STEM education."

Deborah B. Sorgi, Ed.D., Chair, Director & President of Literacy Access Fund, shared her thoughts. "Literacy Access Fund is pleased to support the Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library's initiatives to improve literacy and technology for young English and Spanish language learners which will promote cultural diversity and mutual understanding. Ms. Arnold-Yerger's long-range goal to develop a technology-literate community is to be commended." Dr. Sorgi also noted, "We continue to identify and support deserving public libraries to help their littlest members read and succeed in school and life."

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

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About the Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library

The Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library, a gateway to lifelong learning, provides convenient access to resources that inform, educate, entertain, and enrich people's lives. The original *Norristown Library Company* was founded in 1794. One of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Thomas McKean, signed the charter issued in March 1796 formally incorporating the Library.

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.

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Pictured, seated, left to right: Kerri Kulesza, Head of Children's Services, Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library; Kathy Arnold-Yerger, Executive Director, Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library; Duke Doblick, CFRE, Director of Fundraising, Literacy Access Fund. Back row, left to right: Anthony Cavaliere, Vice President, Retail Market Manager, Republic Bank; Nicole Tancor, Abington Store Manager, Republic Bank; Dennis Wolf, Vice President, Plymouth Meeting Store Manager, Republic Bank; Denise Murphy, Wynnewood Store Manager, Republic Bank.