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**LITERACY ACCESS FUND ANNOUNCES 2019 GRANT  
AWARD TO THE DELAWARE CITY LIBRARY**

CHESTER, PA - Literacy Access Fund, a 501(c)(3), public charity, announces a grant award of \$5,000 to the Delaware City Library in Delaware City, New Castle County, Delaware. 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 acquisition of state-of-the-art technology for young children and other library resources.

Andrea Finestrauss, President of the Delaware City Library's Board of the Directors, noted the Board's gratitude to Literacy Access Fund for the award. "We are extremely grateful for the grant and the opportunity to help our community. Literacy is such an important area of education that needs community support."

"Bridging the access gap to technology and literacy resources is extremely important to us," according to Alexandra Monroe, Director of the Library. "Literacy skill development is essential for success and fulfillment inside the classroom and beyond. We aim to provide lifelong learning opportunities for all of our community members, regardless of age, race, gender, language, income, or ability. We're honored to have Literacy Access Fund support us in this endeavor."

Deborah B. Sorgi, Ed.D., Chair, Director & President of Literacy Access Fund, shared her thoughts. "Literacy Access Fund is pleased to support the Delaware City Library's initiatives to expand and enhance its educational offerings for children. Ms. Monroe's multi-curricular skill reinforcement with technology, especially for the Spanish speaking population, is a welcome addition for the young learners of Delaware City and we are proud to partner with this effort." Dr. Sorgi also noted, "We are continuing 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 Delaware City Library***

The mission of the Delaware City Library is to create and promote educational, recreational, and cultural enrichment, and provide community members of all ages with free access to the resources and tools they need to thrive in the 21st century. Established in 1973, the Delaware City Library is a contract library of the New Castle County Library System and a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

***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, back row, left to right: Jermaine Williams, Board Member; Gloria Rudolph, Board Secretary; Craig O'Donnell, Board Member; Steve Michel, Board Treasurer. Front row, left to right: Suzanne Brandt, Board Member; Duke Doblack, CFRE, Director of Fundraising, Literacy Access Fund; Alexandra Monroe, Director, Delaware City Library.