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**LITERACY ACCESS FUND ANNOUNCES PHASE TWO OF 2018 GRANTS
WITH AWARD TO THE ST. CHARLES PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION**

CHESTER, PA - Literacy Access Fund, a 501(c)(3), public charity, announces a grant award of \$7,550 to the St. Charles Public Library Foundation in St. Charles, Kane and DuPage Counties, Illinois. 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 to the Foundation, which raises money to be used at the St. Charles Public Library, will help fund the acquisition of state-of-the-art technology for young children and other library resources.

Dawn Lassiter-Brueske, President of the St. Charles Public Library Foundation's Board of Directors, noted the Board's gratitude to Literacy Access Fund for the award. "The Library Foundation Board is extremely grateful to Literacy Access Fund for its generous donation to the St. Charles Public Library. We are looking forward to exploring how we can best utilize this grant money to continue to make the St. Charles Public Library a better place for our young learners and patrons of all ages."

"This generous grant will allow us to continue to achieve our mission of being as innovative and patron-centric as we can possibly be," according to Edith G. Craig, Director of the Library. "We are excited to utilize this grant funding to continue to acquire innovative pieces of technology and offer services that will keep our Library an integral community destination for generations to come."

Deborah B. Sorgi, Ed.D., Chair, Director & President of Literacy Access Fund, shared her thoughts. "Literacy Access Fund is pleased to support the St. Charles Public Library's initiatives to add technology to its preschool interactive learning area. Ms. Craig's busy youth department will enhance the family learning environment through shared screen time between parents and children in St. Charles 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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From L to R: *SCPL Director Edith G. Craig, Literacy Access Fund Director of Fundraising Duke Doblick, SCPL Foundation President Dawn Lassiter-Brueske, and SCPL Youth Services Manager Kelly Stulgate.*



SCPL Library Foundation Members accept the grant from Literacy Access fund.

From L to R: Back Row: SPCL Foundation Vice President Claudia Frost, Mary Ann Tilton, Jennifer Gaertner, Karen S. DeVault, SCPL Foundation Secretary Jon J. Duerr, SCPL Foundation Treasurer Staci Olson. Front Row: JoAnn B. Poole, Sharon Maholland, Joanne Surratt, SCPL Director Edith G. Craig, Literacy Access Fund Director of Fundraising Duke Doblick, SCPL Foundation President Dawn Lassiter-Brueske, SCPL Youth Services Manager Kelly Stulgate, Maggie Brewner, Cheryl Ledbetter, Diane MacNeille.

About the St. Charles Public Library Foundation

The St. Charles Public Library Foundation is a nonprofit corporation established in 1993 to provide support for the St. Charles Public Library through tax-deductible contributions. The purpose of the Foundation is to provide funds to enhance and enrich Library programs and services.

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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