

Supporting Families with Children Who Are English Language Learners

Bridging Language Gaps with AWE Learning's Bilingual Spanish Early Literacy Station ®

Overview

Across the United States, more than 5 million children are classified as English Language Learners (ELLs), representing over 10% of K–12 students. These learners— and their families—are navigating both academic and cultural transitions that directly impact educational success. Parents may face barriers in supporting their child's English development due to limited language proficiency, access to resources, or rooted challenges.



This resource highlights the experiences of families with children who are ELLs, the vital role of schools and libraries, and how **AWE Learning's Bilingual Spanish Early Literacy Station ®** offers developmentally appropriate tools to support language growth and lifelong learning.

The ELL Landscape in America

- **Growing Need:** English Language Learners are one of the fastest-growing populations in U.S. schools.
- **Diverse Backgrounds:** Families speak more than 400 languages nationwide, with Spanish the most common.
- **Educational Pressure:** Students are expected to build English proficiency while keeping pace with grade-level benchmarks.
- **Family Challenges:** Parents may struggle to provide at-home support due to limited English skills.

Challenges Families Face

- **Language Barriers:** Parents may find it hard to help with schoolwork or communicate with teachers.
- **Limited Access to Resources:** Few bilingual books, digital tools, or programs are readily available.
- **Learning Gaps:** Students may need extra time and help to meet literacy milestones.
- **Balancing Languages:** Families want to maintain their family's languages while learning English skills.
- **Confidence & Participation:** Children who are ELLs sometimes face stigma that impacts self-esteem which affects learning.

How Schools and Libraries Help

- **Schools** provide instruction but may not have enough tools to support every young learner.
- **Libraries** are safe, welcoming spaces with bilingual programs, educational technology, and enrichment activities.
- **Libraries** open their doors to eager young learners, giving them a quiet space to explore knowledge and develop skills to set them up for a personal growth journey.
- **Community Programs** offer additional access to books, tools, and family learning opportunities.

The Bilingual Spanish Early Literacy Station® Advantage

The **Bilingual Spanish Early Literacy Station**® from AWE Learning is a child-friendly workstation pre-loaded with educational software for children ages 2–12. For families with children who are English Language Learners, it provides:

Multilingual Content

- Activities that help children learn English while supporting their family's languages.
- Bilingual, picture-supported programs that improve comprehension.

Engaging and Developmentally Appropriate Tools

- Activities for **visual, auditory, hands-on, logical, social, and independent learners**.
- STREAM-focused content (Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Arts, Math).
- Simple navigation allows children to learn on their own time.

Safe, Guided Discovery

- No internet access is required to create a secure learning environment.
- Built-in time limits to encourage healthy educational screen habits.

Family-Friendly Features

- Activities that support **parent–child learning**, even when parents are still learning English.
- Games and programs that build confidence.
- Reporting tools for teachers and librarians to track progress.

Libraries as Launchpads for ELL Success

Libraries using the **Bilingual Spanish Early Literacy Station**® report stronger engagement among families, higher participation in bilingual story times, and greater collaboration among staff, children, and caregivers, by offering **ready-to-use resource**. Libraries create welcoming spaces that help children build confidence and are able to grow academically.

Inspiring Discovery. Building Skills.

Families with children who are English Language Learners deserve accessible, engaging tools that support language learning and confidence. The **Bilingual Spanish Early Literacy Station**® helps schools and libraries provide these opportunities—transforming challenges into moments of discovery and progress.