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LITERACY ACCESS FUND ANNOUNCES 2021 GRANT AWARD TO SHOW LOW LIBRARY FRIENDS

CHESTER, PA - Literacy Access Fund, a 501(c)(3) public charity, announces a grant award of \$10,000 to Show Low Library Friends located in Arizona. Literacy Access Fund secures funding from corporate, foundations, and individual partners 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.

Lisa Lewis, Library Services Manager stated: *"We are very excited to be able to bring two AWE Early Learning Stations to our library. This technology will bring equitable learning experiences for all of our community. We are grateful for the opportunity to have applied for and receive grant funding from the Literacy Access Fund. Being a rural and small library with a small budget, these types of funding resources make all the difference!"*

Deborah B. Sorgi, Ed.D., Chair, Director & President of Literacy Access Fund, shared her thoughts. *"Literacy Access Fund is pleased to support the Show Low Library Friends. The addition of early literacy products will provide invaluable support for their literacy development for their library and homeschooling community. Show Low Library Friends also services a large Native American population with the Hopi, Navajo, and Apache tribes. There are very few opportunities for early literacy education on the reservations and the library offers early literacy programming for this population. The early literacy products will encourage this population to come to the library to not only attend existing programming, but to have access to a hands-on approach of learning." Dr. Sorgi also noted, "We are gratified to be part of the development of public libraries as strong community hubs to support formal and early education."*

For more information about Literacy Access Fund visit www.literacyaccessfund.org or call 610-833-6411.

About the Show Low Library Friends: The Show Low Library Friends is a non-profit organization supporting the Show Low Public Library's endeavor to promote literacy and educational enrichment in our community.

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