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LITERACY ACCESS FUND ANNOUNCES 2021 GRANT AWARD TO FRIENDS OF THE CITRUS COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

CHESTER, PA - Literacy Access Fund, a 501(c)(3) public charity, announces a grant award of \$10,000 to Friends of the Citrus County Library System located in Florida. 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 organization's goal is to help libraries provide equal access to quality resources for young learners, regardless of economic factors.

Mr. Eric C., Head, the Citrus County Library System Library Director, stated, *"For years, we have worked to provide early literacy education to families in our community. With the addition of two new AWE early learning stations and some additional technologies geared towards readers aged 0-5, we have the opportunity to expand some of the services that we currently offer. We can't thank the Literacy Access Fund enough for their continued support and passion for bridging the gaps in literacy."*



Sandy Price, the President of the Friends of the Citrus County Library System, stated, *"The Friends are dedicated to bringing more than books into our libraries. The library staff of Citrus County works to provide opportunities for all, and we are elated to support their mission in any way that we can. Thank you to the Literacy Access Fund for helping us provide new technologies to the next generation of learners in Citrus."*

Deborah B. Sorgi, Ed.D., Chair, Director & President of Literacy Access Fund, shared her thoughts. *"Literacy Access Fund is pleased to support Friends of the Citrus County Library System. Being able to support Citrus County means to bring up to date content to their already established children's section of their libraries. The early literacy products will encourage more of the population to come to the library to not only attend existing programming but to use 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.

Lakes Region Library in Inverness, FL: Pictured from L to R: David Boyer – Systems Manager, Karen Slaska – Friends of the Library Secretary, Aimee Marshall – Citrus Libraries Youth Librarian, Eric C. Head – Library Director, Sandy Price – Friends of the Library President.

About the Friends of the Citrus County Library System: The Friends of the Library are non-profit organizations dedicated to enhancing public library service for the citizens of Citrus County. Friends are people who love books, love to read, and want to help others enjoy the pleasure of reading.

About Literacy Access Fund: The mission of the 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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