



## AWE LEARNING NEWSLETTER

# WHAT'S NEW FROM AWE LEARNING

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Libraries across the country continue to expand access to safe, play-based learning modules for young learners. AWE Learning workstations help libraries support early literacy, STREAM exploration, and independent discovery through engaging interactive learning modules designed specifically for children ages 2-12. With no internet access, no ads, and minimal staff oversight required, AWE Learning provides a trusted learning environment where children can explore, practice new skills, and build confidence at their own pace.



## Expanding Early Learning Opportunities in Libraries

Public libraries play an important role in supporting early literacy and digital learning for children and families. AWE Learning workstations provide developmentally appropriate interactive learning modules that help young learners build foundational skills through guided exploration.

With hundreds of carefully curated titles across literacy, math, science, and creative exploration, AWE Learning helps libraries create engaging spaces where children can learn independently while reinforcing key early education concepts.

## What's New in Platinum Version 4

AWE Learning's newest-generation workstation delivers faster performance, refreshed content, and an improved interface to make navigation easier for young learners. The latest version also includes a dedicated Pre-Reader learning space, helping emerging learners build early literacy confidence in a developmentally appropriate environment. These updates allow libraries to provide even more engaging and structured learning experiences while maintaining the safe, offline environment libraries trust.

## PLA 2026 – Minneapolis

The Public Library Association Conference is one of the largest gatherings of library professionals in the world, and we're excited to be part of it again this year.

**April 1-3 | Minneapolis Convention Center**  
Visit AWE Learning at **Booth 1038**

Stop by to see a live demonstration of Platinum Version 4, featuring faster performance, refreshed content, and our dedicated Pre-Reader learning space.

# Key Enhancements

## Dedicated Pre-Reader Learning Space

- A specially designed learning area helps emerging readers develop early literacy skills through age-appropriate interactive learning modules tailored for younger learners.

## Faster Performance and Loading Times

- Improved system performance allows children to launch titles more quickly and move seamlessly between activities, creating a smoother learning experience.

## Updated Windows 11 Platform

- Version 4 runs on an updated Windows 11 platform, providing improved system stability, security, and long-term support for libraries.

## Enhanced Administrative Controls

- New administrative tools give library staff greater flexibility to manage workstation settings, session timers, and system preferences.

## Expanded Coding and STREAM Learning Content

- New and refreshed titles support coding, logic, math, science, and creativity, encouraging exploration and skill development across STREAM subjects.

## How These Improvements Support Libraries

These updates help libraries deliver engaging digital learning experiences while maintaining the simplicity and reliability they expect from AWE Learning workstations. Faster technology, improved navigation, and expanded learning content allow children to explore independently, while updated administrative features help staff easily manage and maintain devices with minimal oversight.



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## How Libraries Are Using AWE Learning

Libraries are using AWE Learning workstations to create high-interest learning zones where children can practice early literacy and digital skills independently. In many children's areas, the stations become a natural extension of storytime and reading programs. For example, during National Reading Month, libraries can pair a trending read like *The Smart Cookie* with interactive station activities for ages 4–8, or offer older learners ages 6–12 engaging reading and rhyme experiences like *New Kids on the Block*.

Libraries also use Personalized Education Paths (PEPs) to tailor workstation content to different learning levels and interests. This allows staff to easily highlight specific literacy, math, coding, or creative learning modules based on the needs of their community.

Many libraries place workstations in different areas of the children's space to support multiple types of learning—from early literacy exploration for younger children to logic, math, and coding experiences for older learners. The result is an easy-to-run, always-ready learning station that keeps kids engaged while staff focus on programs, patrons, and the rest of the floor.



We had them set-up and running within five minutes...the kids are eager to use the computers from the moment they enter the library doors.

-Frankie Rasmussen, Director,  
Bear Lake County Library



### Ways Libraries Use AWE Learning Workstations

- Support early literacy programs by giving children interactive reading and phonics activities to explore after storytime.
- Create independent learning stations where children can practice math, logic, and problem-solving at their own pace.
- Offer engaging digital learning options that keep children exploring while families browse the library.

# Supporting Learning at Home

Learning continues long after children leave the library. Many families look for ways to support homework, reinforce classroom lessons, or provide additional enrichment outside of school.

AWE Learning workstations help children practice reading, math, problem-solving, and critical thinking through interactive learning experiences designed for different ages and skill levels. These activities can complement school assignments, support homeschool learning, or provide structured educational exploration during after-school hours.

If parents or caregivers ask about bringing AWE Learning into their home environment, libraries can direct them to the **[Child Development at Home page on AWELEARNING.COM](#)**, where families can learn more about at-home learning options, educational resources, and available purchasing programs.



## From Our Blog: A Conversation with AWE Learning's New President

In our most recent blog post, AWE Learning President Owen Brittan, Ph.D. shares his perspective on the important role libraries play in communities and how educational technology can support young learners.

Reflecting on National Library Lover's Month and World Read Aloud Day, Owen discusses how libraries create safe and welcoming spaces where children can explore literacy, technology, and creativity.

"Libraries are one of the few places left where everyone is welcome and learning is free."

— Owen Brittan, Ph.D.

[Read the full conversation on the AWE Learning blog.](#)

## Resources for Libraries, Educators, and Families

AWE Learning also offers a variety of resources designed to support learning beyond the workstation. Our website features quarterly blogs, white papers, customer testimonials, and educational insights focused on early literacy, educational technology, and child development.

Libraries can also share optional learning resources with families, including printable activities that reinforce skills children explore on AWE Learning workstations.

Together, these resources help libraries extend learning beyond the screen while continuing to support the families and communities they serve.



## Expand Your Workstation Anytime

Many libraries start with a core workstation package and expand their learning content over time. AWE Learning allows libraries to add additional content modules at any time, making it easy to grow learning opportunities without replacing existing devices.

If your library didn't have the budget to include every content bundle during the initial purchase, additional modules can be added later as a cost-effective upgrade.

To learn more about available content bundles and add-on options, contact your AWE Learning representative or visit the bottom of the [Platinum Version 4 page](#) on [AWELEARNING.COM](http://AWELEARNING.COM).



## Meet the AWE Learning Team in 2026

This spring, the AWE Learning team will be connecting with librarians and partners at conferences across the country. These events are a great opportunity to see Platinum Version 4 in action, explore new learning content, and talk with our team about supporting early literacy and STREAM learning in your library.



## Schedule a Demo Anytime

Can't attend a conference this year?

Our team offers live virtual demonstrations of Platinum Version 4 so you can explore the newest features and learning content from anywhere.

Reach out to your AWE Learning Account Executive or visit [AWELEARNING.COM](http://AWELEARNING.COM) to schedule a demo.

## Other Conferences We're Attending

You can also connect with AWE Learning at several regional library events within the next 3 months:

- Texas Library Association Conference
- Tennessee Library Association Conference
- OLA/PNLA Joint Conference
- Nevada Library Association Conference
- Serving With A Purpose Conference
- Utah Library Association Conference
- American Library Association Conference - Chicago

If you're attending one of these events, we'd love to connect and show you what's new.

