



# AWE Learning Workstations

## A Mission-Aligned Investment for Libraries

Research shows that high quality, developmentally appropriate digital learning experiences can support early literacy, language development, and problem-solving skills in young children.<sup>1</sup> Intentional screentime can assist a child's development.<sup>2</sup>

Libraries play a critical role in providing safe, trusted environments where children can engage with technology in ways that support learning rather than distraction.

The purpose of this investment is to support the library's mission by providing a safe, reliable, and widely adopted early learning digital solution that serves children ages 2 to 12 while minimizing staff burden and long-term risk.

AWE Learning workstations are designed specifically for public libraries and are not retrofitted consumer technology. Widely adopted nationwide, AWE Learning is currently used by over 49% of public libraries in the United States. The workstations feature developmentally appropriate learning games that support early literacy, STREAM learning, and equitable access to educational resources for children and families. Each workstation operates without an internet connection, ensuring consistent availability and a secure, child-safe learning environment.

From an operational standpoint, AWE Learning significantly reduces staff workload. The system requires no account setup, no content moderation, and no daily management. All educational content is curated and maintained by AWE Learning, allowing children to engage independently while staff, caregivers, and families focus on other library services and priorities. AWE also tracks usage metrics to help with budget justification and grants.

AWE Learning provides clear public benefit by offering free access to award-winning educational content for early learners, emergent readers, and school age children. The platform aligns with library literacy initiatives and community education goals, reinforcing the library's role as a trusted learning resource.

From a risk and compliance perspective, AWE Learning offers a closed, child safe environment with no advertisements, no data collection, and no external browsing. The hardware and licensing model fits within standard library purchasing practices and is supported by a predictable lifespan and long-term partner support. With over 30 years of experience serving libraries, AWE Learning represents a responsible and defensible investment.

<sup>1</sup> Wayne State University researchers, The Conversation (2025).

<sup>2</sup> Forbes Technology Council, MacKenzie Price (2025).