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**LITERACY ACCESS FUND ANNOUNCES 2019 GRANT AWARD
TO THE CAPE MAY COUNTY LIBRARY**

CHESTER, PA - Literacy Access Fund, a 501(c)(3), public charity, announces a grant award of \$10,000 to the Cape May County Library in Cape May Court House, Cape May County, New Jersey. Literacy Access Fund secures funding from corporate, foundation, and individual partners in order 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.

The award was made possible through partnership funding from Univest Bank and Trust Co., a subsidiary of Univest Financial Corporation, headquartered in Souderton, PA, and Republic Bank, based in Philadelphia, PA. The grant will help fund the acquisition of state-of-the-art technology for young children and other library resources.

"The Cape May County Library wants children throughout the county to have access to technology," according to Deb Poillon, Director of the Library. "This grant from Literacy Access Fund allows us to provide additional advanced early learning computer stations as well as robotics and other STEAM devices to our branches."

Deborah B. Sorgi, Ed.D., Chair, Director & President of Literacy Access Fund, shared her thoughts. "Literacy Access Fund is pleased to support the Cape May County Library's efforts to increase access to technology across the entire county. Targeting communities that are less affluent in Cape May County helps ensure that children can use the library as a community hub for education to enhance their early literacy skills." Dr. Sorgi also noted, "We continue to identify and support deserving public libraries to help their littlest members read and succeed in school and life."

For more information about Literacy Access Fund, visit <http://www.literacyaccessfund.org/> or call 610-833-6411.

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About the Cape May County Library

The Cape May County Library exists to bring, to the people of Cape May County, informational and recreational materials, services, and programs that will enrich their lives. By increasing access to technology across the entire county, the Cape May County Library will help give all children an opportunity to become digitally literate and ensure that they will become a diverse and well-educated population for future growth and success in the county.

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.

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Pictured, left to right: Samantha North, Financial Center Manager, Univest Bank & Trust Co., Ocean City, NJ; Duke Doblick, CFRE, Director of Fundraising, Literacy Access Fund; Vicki Wright, Head Children's Librarian, Cape May County Library; Deb Poillon, Director, Cape May County Library.

Pictured, left to right: John Davidson, Vice President/Store Manager, Republic Bank, Somers Point, NJ; Deb Poillon, Director, Cape May County Library; Vicki Wright, Head Children's Librarian, Cape May County Library; Duke Doblick, CFRE, Director of Fundraising, Literacy Access Fund.

