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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

New Educational Computers at the Library

The Liberty County branches of the Northwest Regional Library System are now even more "awesome" with the addition of AWE Early Literacy Stations, generously funded by the Bay County Public Library Foundation.

The Early Literacy Station (ELS) offers children a safe, standalone computer loaded with over 70 educational software programs for kids ages 2 to 8. The software is age-appropriate, engaging, and academically relevant for children. It is designed to support school readiness and early education while making learning exciting and engaging. AWE's Early Literacy Station is found in over 40% of the public libraries across the United States as well as in many communities in Canada and abroad.

"The Early Literacy Station is an invaluable resource for young children," says Library Director Robin Shader. "The addition of these early learning tools expands the library system's extensive educational programs, complements our print resources, and makes digital learning available to those who might not have access."

The early learning applications on the Early Literacy Stations span every curriculum area: reading, language arts, math, science, STEM, social studies, writing, graphic arts, typing, music, and more. The ELS has an imaginative interface that encourages exploration by readers and pre-readers alike. Some of the fun educational applications include Diego's Safari Rescue, Getting Ready for Kindergarten, Krazy ArtRoom, and Millie's Math House.

We invite all children ages 2 to 8 to visit any branch of the Northwest Regional Library System to play and learn as you explore the many activities available on the new AWE Early Learning Station computers!

The Harrell Memorial Public Library is located at 12818 NW County Road 12 in Bristol. The Jimmy Weaver Memorial Library is located at 22149 NE State Rd 20 in Hosford, Please call 643-2247 or 379-3300 for more information.

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