

# Monroe County Public Library Awarded AWE Early Literacy Computers for Children's Services

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Child enjoying alternative to recreational computer use.

## **AWEsome!**

**Bloomington--Monroe County Public Library has received a grant of three AWE early literacy computers.** The new computers help the library fulfill its mission to serve as an important community source for the promotion of literacy. Parents and caregivers will find that the AWE computers provide a meaningful alternative to recreational computer use, supporting school readiness in a fun, active way for children in Pre-K through 5th grades. The computers are situated so that parents can play along with their children.

Everything about the AWE computer stations is child-sized and colorful. The AWE software games cross all curricula: reading, art, music, math, geography, and more. Children will recognize favorite games from a variety of publishers, such as Jumpstart ([www.jumpstart.com](http://www.jumpstart.com)) and DK Eyewitness. All games are available in English and Spanish.

"We are thrilled to have these new early literacy computers," says library director Sara Laughlin. "The library's new Strategic Plan, 2009-2011, emphasizes the development of interactive experiences that foster early learning, so we're off to a great start."

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