

**Early Literacy Pilot Project Grants Awarded  
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The Early Literacy Pilot Project is intended to help libraries provide educational programs targeted for pre-schoolers through second graders. Grant funds are used to purchase and promote the AWE Early Literacy Station and/or Early Literacy Station—Bilingual Spanish. These stations are self-contained systems comprised of a computer station loaded with 40 top-rated educational software packages across seven curricular areas. The software programs provide practice and awareness of the six pre-reading skills that support early literacy for the preschool age child including vocabulary, print motivation, print awareness, narrative skills, phonological awareness, and letter knowledge.

Public libraries invited to participate in this pilot project were selected on the following criteria:

- increase of Hispanic population from 1990-2000
- schools with “provisional or unaccredited” status located within the library district
- past literacy activities offered
- certified to receive State Aid

Grants were awarded to the following libraries:

<b>Library</b>	<b>Awarded</b>
Boonslick Regional	\$5,627.00
Dunklin County Library	\$5,504.00
Joplin Public Library	\$5,227.00
McDonald County Library	\$5,627.00
Rolling Hills Consolidated	\$5,507.00
Saint Joseph Public Library	\$5,627.00
Sedalia Public Library	\$5,750.00
Texas County Library	\$5,627.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$44,496.00</b>