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Early World of Learning

New School Readiness Learning Platform Offered through Virginia's Public Libraries

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(Richmond, Virginia) – In the interest of empowering parents, caregivers, and educators to prepare Virginia’s children to enter school, the Library of Virginia is pleased to provide access to the **Early World of Learning (EWOL)**, an interactive, online early learning platform that provides:

- A reading program with 48 stories spread across four progressive Lexile® levels to provide building blocks for early readers
- Read-aloud options across all functions of the database for a personalized learning experience
- Spanish-language books and activities to support ESL/ESOL (English as a Second Language / English to Speakers of Other Languages)
- Printable activities (in English and Spanish) to reinforce learning and engagement
- Content for preschool classrooms, library story times, and at-home learning
- A robust collection of educator resources, including an educator guide and print-and-do activities

Easy to use and understand, EWOL’s bright and engaging interface adapts to all types of devices, from laptops to tablets and phones. The platform can be used at home, in the library, and in care-giving and educational environments by anyone with a library card from any Virginia library. Visit your local public library’s website for access.

“Early literacy is a key component to school readiness for when our youngest students enter kindergarten,” said Atif Qarni, Virginia’s secretary of education. “A learning platform such as Early World of Learning is about access for all. It will provide students all over the commonwealth with digital books and stories at many reading levels and in different languages.”

"It is critical that parents, care givers, and educators begin to develop early learning skills and a love of reading in young children as soon as possible," added Librarian of Virginia Sandra Treadway. "The Library of Virginia is grateful for the funding provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, which allows us to make this valuable educational tool available to all Virginians through their local public libraries."

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For more information, please visit <http://vpl.virginia.gov>. ###

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