## READING PUBLIC LIBRARY MEDIA ALERT

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## READING PUBLIC LIBRARY AWARDED \$10,000 BAKER TILLY FOUNDATION GRANT

Reading, Pa - Friday, February 5, 2021 - Reading Public Library announced today that it is the recipient of a \$10,000 grant through the Baker Tilly Foundation Wishes Campaign. The Wishes program chooses recipients from nonprofit organizations nominated by Baker Tilly team members. The library is one of ten organizations chosen nationwide from over 100 nominations. The award also comes with 40 hours of volunteer time from Baker Tilly associates.

Chris Phillips, a Senior Tax Manager at Baker Tilly US and Treasurer of the Reading Public Library Board of Trustees, nominated the library for this award. According to Mr. Phillips, "The Baker Tilly Foundation focuses its charitable involvement on three pillars of philanthropy: education, health and wellness and human services. Baker Tilly found the educational work being performed at Reading Public Library worthy of recognition and support."

The award will help fund the library's adult computer classes currently offered through RPL's Mobile Technology Van, Teen SAT Prep classes provided by the library's Teen Loft, as well as literacy education programs for all ages.