

READING PUBLIC LIBRARY
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READING PUBLIC LIBRARY
RECEIVES \$22,000
TRUIST FOUNDATION GRANT

Reading, Pa - Thursday, January 5, 2023 - Reading Public Library Foundation was recently awarded a \$22,000 grant from Truist Foundation. The Foundation aims to partner with nonprofit organizations that create career pathways and support wealth building for historically excluded communities. Truist Foundation's strategic investments help community organizations and institutions make a meaningful difference in the lives that they serve.

Melissa Adams, RPL's Executive Director, expressed the following gratitude for this grant, "Our ability to more fully serve our city's residents is greatly enhanced through corporate support such as this Truist Foundation gift. We are grateful for companies who invest in our community."

The funds will support a bi-lingual instructor to teach free computer classes in Spanish. Currently computer classes are available in English for basics such as Using the Internet, Word, Excel, and Power Point. The bi-lingual instructor will also assist the Reference Department staff at Main Library and support the library's ESL program instructors. This newly-created position supports Reading Public Library's priority to create a staff more able to serve the city of Reading's diverse and dynamic residents.

"Truist is proud to support the Reading Public Library in making these classes more accessible to all in the community," said Alex Brame, regional president for Truist's Central Pennsylvania region. "Expanding access to essential job training skills advances economic mobility for area residents and creates a better prepared workforce for our local businesses. Grants like this reflect how Truist lives its purpose to inspire and build better lives and communities."

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