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Thanks to H-E-B, the Burleson Public Library is purchasing two new children's learning stations. The library received a gift of \$5,000 from H-E-B Burleson when the store celebrated its recent expansion.

The stations are self-contained computers loaded with high quality educational software, learning games, and it will also include high quality bi-lingual software programs.

"Libraries continue to serve as a great equalizer in our communities," Marc Marchand, director of library services, said. "The perception is that everyone is digitally connected. But, that's not the case. Some children in our community don't have access to educational computer programs in their homes. This puts them at a disadvantage when compared to many other students."

With the new early learning stations, the library will continue its mission of bridging the education gap in our community by helping children get ready for school and to support our students by fostering a love of lifelong learning. Some of the benefits of this program will be:

- ✓ Children gain literacy skills at the library that will put them on the path to a lifetime of learning
- ✓ Supports school readiness and cultivates a love of learning
- ✓ Draws children and families to our library
- ✓ Ideal for supporting special programming like our Math and Science Club
- ✓ Makes our library an even more popular destination for children—they will be excited to use the early learning stations and will want to come back again and again.

The library has a strong vision for future expansion of services to children, and this gift from H-E-B will be the first physical change to kick off that vision for the children's department.

"Our doors are open to everyone in Burleson and our entire surrounding area, and we are here and ready to serve" Michele Wilson, children's services librarian, said. "These computers will be available to every child that walks through our doors. Thank you again to H-E-B for their ongoing commitment and involvement in our community."

The early learning stations will be ready to go during Summer Reading Club. If you would like more information about this or other services, visit the library online at [www.burlesonlibrary.com](http://www.burlesonlibrary.com), call the library at 817-426-9210, email [agoshey@burlesontx.com](mailto:agoshey@burlesontx.com), or stop by 248 S.W. Johnson Ave.