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**MOLINE PUBLIC LIBRARY RECEIVES STATE FUNDING
FOR STEAM PROGRAMMING FOR 8TH STRAIGHT YEAR**

For the 8th straight year, the Moline Public Library has been awarded a Project Next Generation Grant (PNG) from Secretary of State Jesse White.

The Library will receive \$16,200 in State funding to implement science, technology and creative programs throughout the school year for students in grades 4-12. Programming to be scheduled using funds awarded include:

- Chemistry
- Digital Cartooning
- Digital Photography
- Dissection
- littleBits Coding
- STEAM based arts & crafts

The library's goal is to increase proficiency in and comfort with science and technology. This funding will provide the opportunity to offer quality STEAM programming specifically targeted to teens and will have a positive impact in our community. Participants will gain confidence in STEAM subjects through the variety of engaging programs offered, which can lead to more students seeking an interest in the growing number STEAM careers after High School.

State-wide, 28 projects at public libraries were awarded through Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White's office. "I am committed to improving the lives of at-risk youth in Illinois," Secretary of State Jesse White said. "I established this innovative program when I first became Secretary of State to give students an opportunity to receive hands-on experience with the latest technological tools at their local library."

Grants from the Illinois State Library are funded using federal Library Services and Technology Act funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and totaled \$530,104.

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