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**MOLINE LIBRARY RECEIVES STATE GRANT FOR 10TH STRAIGHT YEAR**

For the 10th straight year, the Moline Public Library has been awarded a Project Next Generation Grant (PNG) from Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias.

The Library will receive \$12,860 in State funding to implement coding, science, home economic, and creative programs throughout the school year for students in grades 5-12. Programming to be scheduled using funds awarded include:

- LEGO Robotics, littleBits, and Makey Makey
- Astronomy, Dissection, and science programs with the Grout Museum District and Nahant Marsh
- Cooking and Sewing
- Digital Cartooning and Digital Photography

The library's goal is to increase proficiency in and comfort with science and technology and encourage students to think both creatively and critically. 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, 29 projects at public libraries were awarded grants through Secretary of State and State Librarian Alexi Giannoulias's office, for a total of \$613,701. Grants from the Illinois State Library are funded using federal Library Services and Technology Act fund.

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