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HENRICO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY WINS NASA GRANT FOR STEM EDUCATION

Henrico County Public Library was selected in a competitive nationwide application process to receive funds, training, and supplies to increase STEM education in Central and Eastern Henrico.

Henrico County Public Library is one of 75 Libraries selected from a pool of 513 applicants nationwide to win funding for STEM programs through the NASA @ My Library project. The NASA @ My Library project is led by the National Center for Interactive Learning at the Space Science Institute. Partners include the American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office, Pacific Science Center, Cornerstones of Science, and Education Development Center. NASA @ My Library is made possible through the support of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Science Mission Directorate as part of its STEM Activation Program. The grant is intended to increase youth access to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) education. Henrico County Public Library is the only library in Virginia selected to receive funding through NASA @ My Library.

The grant supplies training, materials, and funding for HCPL libraries for 18 months in Phase 1, and through 2020 in Phase 2, to increase youth participation in STEM activities at the library. The project emphasizes engaging groups of people traditionally underrepresented in STEM fields, such as young people of color, young women, young people living in poverty, and young people in rural areas. Participating libraries receive iPads loaded with educational apps, NASA STEM Facilitation Kits, a \$500 programming stipend, connections to NASA affiliated

scientists and institutions to present and inform library programming, training webinars, and the opportunity to attend a NASA @ My Library conference in Denver.

The library will focus resources from NASA @ My Library on libraries in Central and Eastern Henrico, as well as community outreach events hosted by the Mobile Library Service. Resources from the grant will support a variety of STEM programs for all ages at all Henrico County Public Libraries, as well as a Community Dialogue that will engage community stakeholders, particularly those from groups traditionally underrepresented in STEM fields.

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