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## *Heritage Public Library Wins Second National Library of Medicine Grant for \$22,900*

(New Kent, December 14, 2020) Heritage Public Library is pleased to announce that they have won a second National Library of Medicine Grant for \$22,900 for a project called “Health and Science Literacy Programs and Resources for the Rural Communities of Charles City and New Kent Served by Heritage Public Library.”

Library Director Chandra McPherson said that the library plans to “Purchase STEAM kits for families, health education themed board games and puzzles, and new collection materials for all ages. The funding will also pay for programs and a set of iPads with science apps and microscopes that work on the iPads for special programs.” The library is still closed to most in-person programming, but she added that “We are excited to jump into this program and to work with community partners on outreach when we are able to once again.”

Adult Programming coordinator Jan Marry, and Youth Programming coordinator Elizabeth Dzula will be taking the lead on selecting the materials and running the programs. Ms. Marry states that “We are very grateful for the opportunity from the National Library of Medicine to update and share the library’s vital science and health information and resources. Especially during COVID-19, we know how essential science and health information are to the people in our community.” Ms. Dzula adds “We are very excited to be able to incorporate new materials and programming on the various subjects within Health and Science. This is a fantastic opportunity learning and growth within our community.”

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For updates on hours see the library’s website at <https://heritagepubliclibrary.org/> and for more information and to place items on hold, call 804-652-2450 or 804-966-2480. For free wifi in the parking lots visit the Charles City County Library at 10790 Courthouse Road, Charles City, VA 23030 and the New Kent Library at 7791 Invicta Lane, New Kent, VA 23124.