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**DORCHESTER COUNTY LIBRARY NEW STEM MOBILE LAB!**

**Dorchester County Library Awarded \$30,000 Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services**

**St. George, SC** - Thanks to a grant from the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) administered by the South Carolina State Library (SCSL), Dorchester County Library is proud to announce the new STEM Mobile Lab. This project is solely funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, for the students and educators of Dorchester County, to raise the awareness and overall skill level of early learners in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) subjects through multiple partnerships and outreach events.

**"The Dorchester County Library is committed to raising the awareness and acumen of the students in the STEM fields and prepare them for 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning," said Robert Antill, Executive Director of the Dorchester County Library "Additionally, the intent of the project is to create connections between these areas of learning as they relate to the student's future workforce development."**

The Mobile Lab will be equipped with STEM-based interactive materials and cutting-edge technology, such as drones and VR kits, that will allow students to explore real world problems and utilize creative thought processes. On-site lessons will be facilitated by a STEM Instructor and are expected to begin in Spring 2022.

This project is made possible by a Library Services and Technology Act grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services administered by the South Carolina State Library.

*The **Dorchester County Library** provides services to over 165,00 county residents and consists of two libraries located at 506 N Parler Ave. in St. George and 76 Old Trolley Rd. in Summerville, as well as the Dorchester County Library Bookmobile.*



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