



CREATIVE COMMUNITIES

Stevens Memorial Library Awarded \$21,725 Creative Communities Grant

The Stevens Memorial Library was recently provisionally awarded a federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant for \$21,725 from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC).

"In many communities libraries fulfill a vital role of being the only community space that welcomes all ages and abilities," said Robert Favini, Head of Library Advisory and Development at the MBLC. "This year's grants strengthen local communities with support for mental health programming, early childhood education, entrepreneurs, and more. The MBLC's direct grant program is a great example of federal funds making a local difference."

The MBLC increased overall grant amounts so that libraries can develop sustainable projects that have a lasting impact on their communities and residents.

Stevens Memorial Library plans to develop programming and resources to support its Creative Communities Grant. Ten libraries received funding from the Direct Grants for Libraries program, totaling \$180,775.