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### SMRLD Receives Project Next Generation Grant for “Six Mile Community Voices Project”

#### Granite City, IL

Beginning February 10<sup>th</sup>, area youth ages 10-14 will have the opportunity to create their own short films. Six Mile Regional Library District received a Project Next Generation Grant from the Illinois State Library to fund the “Six Mile Community Voices Project”; a series of eleven weekly workshops introducing filmmaking concepts. The workshops will provide hands-on experience and feature guest speakers. Grant participants will create two films: a veteran interview which will become part of the Illinois Veterans History Project, and a short film about their lives and community. The grant funds purchased film equipment, accompanying materials, a selection of filmmaking titles for youth, and support personnel. Funding for this grant was awarded by the Illinois State Library, a Department of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

Kate Kite, Research & Instruction/Teen Services Librarian, wrote the grant and is coordinating the project. Erica Hanke-Young, Youth Services Manager, is heavily involved in the project as well. Our mission: The Library makes a significant difference in the everyday lives of the people, institutions, and communities of Granite City, Mitchell, and Pontoon Beach by listening, understanding, and then transforming needs into proactive library services.

The “Six Mile Community Voices Project” is focusing on, but not limited to, veterans and youth in the 62040 zip code. There is still room in the project for more veteran and youth participation. If you are interested in participating or learning more, contact (618) 452-6238 ext. 755.

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