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Great Plains Communications Awards Grant to Support STEM Lab Development at Broken Bow Public Schools

April 23, 2019 (Blair, Neb.) - Great Plains Communications presented the Broken Bow Public Schools with a \$2,000 grant on April 17 to support the development of a modern Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) lab. The lab includes a vinyl cutter, Makey-Makeys, circuit boards, a button maker, Dash

and Dot robots, a Sphero robot, Legos, Arduinos, and several agriculture related kits. The funding from Great Plains Communications will be utilized to help obtain a 3D printer.



“The main goal of a STEM lab is to provide a place for students to become creative innovators,” said Shawna Schweitzer, Library Media Specialist for Broken Bow Public Schools. “Including a 3D printer in our lab would help further this goal.”

The printer will be available to all middle and high school students throughout the school day and will become a part of the curriculum for their newly formed STEM club. “Great Plains Communications is happy to provide funding to help further programs like the Broken Bow STEM lab that allow Nebraska schools to keep pace with technology,” said Laura Kocher, Marketing and Public Relations Director. “We applaud the efforts of the Broken Bow Public Schools and are proud to assist with this forward-thinking project.”

This award is part of the Great Plains Communications “Commitment to Our Schools” program, which provides nearly \$35,000 annually to schools and students in the form of grants and scholarships.

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