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### **Morris Area Public Library Launches New Technology Program for Youth Through Grant Partnership**

**Morris, IL - May 18, 2026** - The Morris Area Public Library is excited to announce a new technology education opportunity for local students made possible through a grant-funded partnership with LyondellBasell and Compudopt.

Beginning June 19, the library will offer Early Adopters: Mission Innovation, a hands-on technology program designed for students entering grades 3–5. The six-week program will take place on Fridays from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. from June 19 through July 31, with no session on July 3.

This engaging program provides elementary students with a structured and interactive environment to explore technology, coding, and digital literacy skills. During the program, participants will become “astronauts” on a mission of innovation while practicing computer skills, learning introductory coding concepts, and discovering how technology can be used to enhance storytelling and creativity.

Space is limited to just 15 students, and advanced registration is required. Families interested are encouraged to sign up early through the library to ensure their spot.

One of the most exciting aspects of the program is that students who successfully complete the six-week session will receive **a free laptop** to continue exploring and building their technology skills at home.

Compudopt was founded in 2007 by Jonathan Osha with the belief that every child deserves equal access to education and opportunity. The organization works to eliminate barriers to technology access while strengthening computer and digital literacy skills through hands-on educational programming.

Today, more than 75% of jobs in the United States require technology skills, and computer science careers continue to grow rapidly. Programs like Early Adopters help provide students with valuable exposure to technology at an early age while encouraging curiosity, creativity, and confidence.

Through this partnership, the Morris Area Public Library continues its commitment to providing innovative educational opportunities that support youth learning and help prepare students for future success.

For more information about Early Adopters and other events at the Morris Area Public Library, please visit our website at [www.morrislibrary.com](http://www.morrislibrary.com) or contact us at 815-942-6880.

**About Morris Area Public Library:** The Morris Area Public Library's mission is to provide materials, programming, and space to cultivate curiosity, enlighten the mind, and strengthen the community. We strive to offer diverse and enriching experiences for all members of our community.

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