



Welcome to Project Next Generation!

Project Next Generation mentors work with 5th, 6th, 7th, and/or 8th grade students at the public library. Together, they explore innovative technologies and information to develop the students' technological and life skills. Students are involved in technical skill development and other activities that promote character development and improvement of personal skills such as goal setting and conflict resolution.

Flexibility and individuality are keys as library programs and local curriculum evolve based on the needs of the participants, their libraries and their communities.

The goal of the program is simple: to encourage the young adult participants by giving them skills and confidence to make good decisions when faced with challenges the future brings.

Project Next Generation:

- ★ Combines public libraries, mentoring, students and technology.
- ★ Provides a friendly atmosphere and safe environment conducive to learning.
- ★ Develops technology, interpersonal and life skills.
- ★ Helps the students bridge their talents with technology and develop skills needed to become good citizens.
- ★ Develops the students' skills and confidence to positively impact success in school and in life.



Mission

By offering a safe environment, integrating technology and emphasizing life skills, Illinois' Project Next Generation libraries are bridging the traditional with the innovative to empower students with technological and personal skills necessary for a successful future.

Project Next Generation provides opportunities for the young adult participants' skill and personal development. Using the public library as a base, with mentors and technology, Project Next Generation capitalizes on research, which documents that mentoring associations enhance social and mental development. Friendships develop through mentoring and become keys to learning and social growth.

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