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## Senator Skelos Announces \$10,000 in State Aid to the Hewlett-Woodmere Public Library

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Senator Dean Skelos today announced that he has secured funding in the amount of \$10,000 for the Hewlett-Woodmere Public Library. This funding will help the Hewlett-Woodmere Public Library continue to provide excellent programs and services to the Five Towns community.

“I was pleased to secure \$10,000 in state aid for the Hewlett-Woodmere Library which will allow them to expand programs and services provided to our community,” said Senator Skelos. “From learning to read, completing a school project, accessing the internet, or simply finding a good book, our library offers a wide variety of resources and these grants will help our library to do even more.”

Specifically, this grant will be used to purchase scanning equipment for books and documents, a display case suitable for archival materials and the supplies necessary for the preservation of important documents throughout the library. The library is frequently asked to provide information on the history of the Five Towns, and the state aid will allow for access and preservation of these documents.

"The Hewlett-Woodmere Library is grateful for the Senator's successful efforts in securing funding for a project which will greatly help us to make them more available to the community," said Susan de Sciora, Director, Hewlett-Woodmere Library. "Even in such challenging times he has remembered the value of the public library."

Additionally, Senator Skelos passed a provision in the state budget that will provide for reimbursement of the MTA Payroll tax to public libraries, including the Hewlett-Woodmere Library. This reimbursement will save tax payers across Long Island tens of thousands of dollars each year which had been going to pay this onerous tax.

"I am pleased to have been able to support the Hewlett-Woodmere Library and again demonstrate my strong commitment to our public libraries. I look forward to continuing this good work in the future," said Senator Skelos.

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