



# The Public Library and The STEM Community: Working Towards a Common Goal

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## On-site Programming

- Super Science Saturdays
- Teen Tech Days
- Books & 'Bots
- Pre-School Science Story-times
- Space Camp
- Video/photo Journalist
- Robotics
- Guest presenters and demonstrations
- Auto Mechanics programs for teens
- Maker Spaces
- Family Math Night
- Computer classes



## Outreach Programming

- Space Days in the Park
- After-school Programs
- Daycare Visits
- Vacation Bible School Science Programs
- Audio-Visual Workshops
- Visits to local Elementary and Middle Schools
- Science-themed programs conducted at housing authority
- Family Math Night
- Computer classes

## Partners

- Public School teachers/ students
- Lunar and Planetary Institute
- City Staff members from various departments
- Local universities and colleges
- Friends of the Library Organization



## Results:

- Increase number of library visits by school-aged children and their parents.
- A marked increase of circulation of library books covering STEM topics
- Adults are finding a renewed interest in math, science and technology

## What's Next?

- Increase Programming to low income areas
- Conduct robotics completions
- Continue to form partnerships with area educators and businesses

