

# INCORPORATING STEAM INTO PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMMING FOR PRE K-12

## STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math

Build, Make, Play @yourlibrary

STEAM programming in public libraries complements what students are learning in the classroom helping to establish local libraries in the minds of patrons as not only repositories of knowledge, but also as places of active learning. STEAM promotes creative problem-solving, discovery, and curiosity in both children and parents while highlighting the library's facilities and collection.

*"All of science is nothing  
more than the refinement of  
everyday thinking*

*- Albert Einstein*

<http://www.pinterest.com/gcls/stem/>



Science Station @ Freetown Community Center

## STEAM

- ◆ Pre-School
- ◆ School Age
- ◆ Tween
- ◆ Teen



Children Explore Sound

## Mini-Makers: Ages 2-5

### Creative Learning

Literacy inspired programming where books lead to interactive and fun creative activities.



Children Explore Gravity

## Resources:

### Go To Authors:

- ◆ Janice Van Cleave
- ◆ Gail Gibbons
- ◆ Steve Jenkins

### Go To Blogs:

- ◆ Library Makers  
<http://librarymakers.blogspot.com/>
  - ◆ Abby the Librarian  
<http://www.abbythelibrarian.com/>
  - ◆ Read Sing Play  
<http://klmpeace.wordpress.com/>
  - ◆ Library Bonanza  
<http://librarybonanza.com/>
  - ◆ Never Shushed  
<http://nevershushed.com/>
  - ◆ Teach Preschool  
<http://www.teachpreschool.org>
  - ◆ PreKinders  
<http://www.prekinders.com/>
  - ◆ So Tomorrow  
<http://www.sotomorrowblog.com/>
  - ◆ Gadgets, Gizmos, and Goo (G3):  
The Mad Scientists Club  
<https://cheshirelibraryscience.wordpress.com/>
  - ◆ The Show Me Librarian: All Things  
STEAM  
<http://showmelibrarian.blogspot.com/>
- ### Go To Websites:
- ◆ Steve Spangler Science  
<http://www.stevespanglerscience.com/>
  - ◆ Little eLit  
<http://litleelit.com/>
  - ◆ Start With a Book  
<http://www.startwithabook.org/>
  - ◆ Wonderopolis  
<http://wonderopolis.org/>
  - ◆ Mixing in Math  
<http://mixinginmath.terc.edu/>
  - ◆ Bedtime Math  
<http://bedtimemath.org/>

## InBetween

### Craft:

### 4th-7th grades

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Any program can become a STEAM program by letting children measure materials for craft programs. Open-ended projects encourage creativity, problem solving, and experimentation.

#### Ideas:

- ◆ Faux Wrought Iron (Engineering)
- ◆ DIY Hula Hoops (Math)
- ◆ T-Shirt Hacking Workshop (Math)
- ◆ Beginning Quilting (Math)
- ◆ Recycled Marionettes (Engineering)
- ◆ Solar Prints (Science)



Science Station: Obleck

## Science Station: Ages 6-12

### Hands-on Learning and Exploration

#### Resources:

- ◆ SLJ's STEAM Pinterest Board  
<http://www.pinterest.com/sljournal/steam/>
- ◆ Specific Love: One family's YouTube journey with science  
<http://www.youtube.com/user/SpecificLove7>
- ◆ Abby The Librarian  
<http://www.abbythelibrarian.com/>
- ◆ Show Me Librarian  
<http://www.showmelibrarian.blogspot.com/>

# Tech Thursdays: Ages 13-17

## Building Bridges to Technology Careers

- ◆ Scratch  
<http://scratch.mit.edu/>
- ◆ MIT App Inventor  
<http://appinventor.mit.edu/explore/>
- ◆ Code Academy  
<http://www.codecademy.com/es/learn>
- ◆ Beat Lab  
<http://www.beatlab.com/>
- ◆ Sketch Up  
<http://www.sketchup.com/products/sketchup-make>
- ◆ Popcorn Maker  
<https://popcorn.webmaker.org/>

## Teens & Tech Library Books:

- ◆ *Creating Adventure Games for Teens*  
Jason Darby  
ISBN 978-1133728023
- ◆ *Arduino for Teens*  
Robert Patterson  
ISBN 978-1285420899
- ◆ *iPhone Game Development for Teens*  
Clayton Crooks  
ISBN 978-1435459922
- ◆ *Careers Ideas for Teens in Information Technology*  
Diana Reeves  
ISBN 978-0816082674
- ◆ *Learning to Program with Scratch*  
Majed Marji  
ISBN 978-1593275433
- ◆ *Super Scratch Programming Adventure*  
The LEAD Project  
ISBN 978-1593275310

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“Only 16 percent of American high school seniors are proficient in mathematics and interested in a STEM career. “

—US Dept. of Education

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# STEAM Program:

## Books We Read Today:

Huff & Puff, Claudia Rueda

The Wind Blew, Pat Hutchins

Windblown, Édouard  
Manceau

## Other Books About the Wind:

Gusts and Gales: A Book  
About Wind, Josepha  
Sherman

Gilberto and the Wind, Marie  
Hall Ets

Comes a Wind, Linda Arms  
White

Can You See the Wind, Allan  
Fowler

Flora's Very Windy Day,  
Jeanne Birdsall

Whoosh Went the Wind, Sally  
Derby

## Songs We Sang:

**Blow, Blow, Blow the Wind**  
by Diane Thom

*Sung to the tune of Row,  
Row, Row Your Boat*

Blow, blow, blow the wind

Gently through the trees.

Blow and blow and blow  
and blow.

How I like a breeze!

Blow, blow, blow the clouds,

Blow them through the sky.

Blow and blow and blow  
and

Watch  
clouds  
by!



blow  
the  
roll



# STEAM Program:

## Continue the Experiments at Home

**Experiment 1:**

**Experiment 2:**

**Experiment 3:**