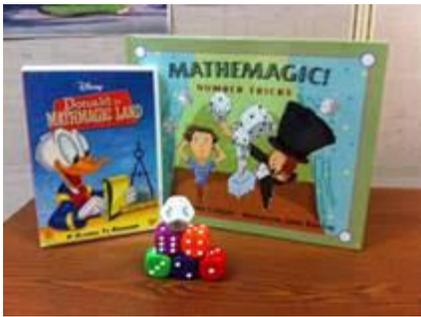


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STEM Kits and STEAM Through September at Boca Library



Boca Raton Public Library Introduces Stem Kits

And Participates In Steam Through September Initiative

Boca Raton, FL – Thanks to a generous donation by the Friends of the Boca Raton Public Library, STEM Kits are now available for checkout with a BRPL card. These fun and entertaining kits encourage children to develop interest and skills in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. They join the BRPL’s other STEM offerings, including their popular Youth Makers and Little Makers classes, coding classes, and free courses in the Discover Studio, such as 3D printing, Photoshop and podcasting.

The STEM Kits’ themes include Astronomy, Weight, Circulatory System, Music and more with age recommendations from Pre-Kindergarten to 12th grade. Each kit contains a combination of related books, DVDs and educational toys to encourage exploration and learning. Lynne Holloway, Youth Services Librarian, says, “Early engagement in STEM play and exploration can lead to kids embarking on a path to STEM career fields in the global marketplace.” Kits are available at the Downtown and Spanish River Libraries, and may be checked out for two weeks by an adult with a BRPL card.

The Boca Raton Public Library will also be participating in STEAM Through September, an initiative to promote scientific and creative thought throughout the community by introducing the public to the many great STEAM programs and resources offered through the City of Boca Raton Department of Parks and Recreation. Through a collaboration between the Boca Raton Public Library, Children’s Science Explorium and Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, children ages

5–12 can engage in a city-wide scavenger hunt during the entire month of September. After picking up a “passport” at participating locations, they will have the chance to explore some of the amazing educational exhibits and programs offered across the City of Boca Raton. Completing the challenges and getting their passport stamped will result in a prize organized by all three locations.

Visit your Boca Raton Public Library to borrow a STEM Kit and pick up a STEAM Through September passport!

The Boca Raton Public Library provides outstanding library services, resources, and programs that meet the educational, recreational, cultural, and informational needs of library users in its two locations. For more information about the Boca Raton Public Library, please visit www.bocalibrary.org.