
Science Newsblast: Help Your Students Do Fun Science this Summer!

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Hello Corinn,

Time to shift the joy of exploration and discovery from class to home, with these family-friendly science resources you can share with your students. Explore AI at LHS or deep sea animals at Cal Academy, or chasing and counting squirrels for science and exercise, there are plenty of fun activities to engage the whole family.

Visit a Museum!

Check out our list of [new or temporary exhibitions](#) at local museums. Many of these museums offer free or reduced admission for a family if you present your EBT card and photo ID at the time of ticket purchase through the [Museums for All](#) program. Check individual museum information about the Museums for All program before going.

Do Some Community Science!

You can find a huge range of projects on the [SciStarter](#) website. Here are a few of our favorite ones that are easy to get started. Model them in your class and then your students can continue at home.

- [Project Squirrel](#) - Count squirrels anytime, anywhere, report findings online
- [SquirrelMapper](#) - Use iNaturalist to track the color of squirrels in different places
- [Ant Picnic](#) - Create a picnic for ants, wait an hour, record number of ants
- [Sourdough for Science](#) - Create a sourdough starter from scratch.

Practice Close Observation and Sketching!


Learning how to pay attention and record what we are seeing are great skills for science. Encourage students to take a few minutes every day, in the backyard or in a park or even out their bedroom window to look closely at one item and really observe it. Observing, sketching, and describing with words, colors, and textures are all essential skills that help your students become excellent scientists. [More resources on sketching and notebooking](#)

Seasonal Activities from the Tech Interactive

Check out the [summer science activity suggestions](#) from the Tech Interactive – from tie-dye to sun-made-smores, there are free and low cost fun projects for families to try at home.

Find Science at Your Local Libraries

Scientific Adventures for Girls is offering [free, drop-in science activities](#) at [Richmond and Oakland libraries](#) this summer for kids of all genders. Check out the flyers below for details.



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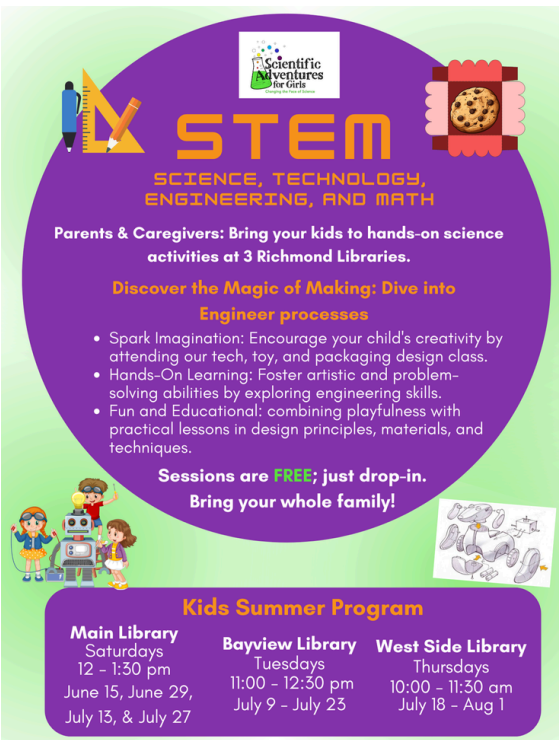
Parents & Caregivers: Bring your kids to hands-on activities at Oakland Libraries.

Kids Summer Program

- Spark Imagination: Encourage your child's creativity by attending our Library Program
- Hands-On Learning: Foster artistic and problem-solving abilities by exploring technology, engineering, or math skills
- Fun and Educational: combining playfulness with practical lessons in design principles, materials, and techniques.

Brookfield Library Tuesday 4:00 - 5:30 pm June 18	West Library Wednesday 2:00 - 3:30 pm June 26
Melrose Library Thursday 1:30 - 3:00 pm July 11	Chavez Library Tuesday 1:30 - 3:00 pm July 16
Rockridge Library Tuesday 6:30 - 8:00 pm July 16	MLK Library Friday 1:30 - 3:00 pm July 19
Asian Library Tuesday 2:30 - 4:00 pm July 23	Piedmont Library Wednesday 6:00 - 7:30 pm July 24

Sessions are **FREE**; just drop-in



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Discover the Magic of Making: Dive into Engineer processes

- Spark Imagination: Encourage your child's creativity by attending our tech, toy, and packaging design class.
- Hands-On Learning: Foster artistic and problem-solving abilities by exploring engineering skills.
- Fun and Educational: combining playfulness with practical lessons in design principles, materials, and techniques.

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Bring your whole family!

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Main Library Saturdays 12 - 1:30 pm June 15, June 29, July 13, & July 27	Bayview Library Tuesdays 11:00 - 12:30 pm July 9 - July 23	West Side Library Thursdays 10:00 - 11:30 am July 18 - Aug 1
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CRS is here all summer, so reach out! We love to help teachers plan for a science-strong start to the new year!

Are you interested in some professional development or finding new lessons to address climate and environmental issues? Are you looking for strategies for building strong connections to math and language arts skills through science explorations? Just reach out -- we love to hear from awesome teachers throughout the summer! You can email us at crs@crscience.org or fill out our [request form](#)

We will continue to send you these email newsblasts every two weeks over the summer so you can learn about professional development and grant opportunities and more. Be sure to let us know if you prefer to receive these emails at a different email address, or if you are changing district/school/grade level for next year. Help us help you by keeping our records up to date!



Survey time!

Response enters you in our prize drawing!

When school lets out for the year, our CRS team shifts into overdrive, reviewing your feedback, evaluating our impact, and gearing up for the next school year. Your input helps us to understand how your needs are changing so we can design and bring you the information, programs, and support that will be most useful to you!

Please take a few minutes to fill out this [brief survey](#) to help us understand your goals and needs around science, engineering, and climate literacy teaching and learning for the coming school year.

Plus: You might win a prize just for sharing your thoughts! **We'll draw names from responses submitted by May 17 for gift cards** (three will be awarded!).

Take the Survey

Make Someone's Day! Nominate them for one of these STEM teaching awards.

RAFT has opened up their nominations for Bay Area STEM Teacher or Administrator of the Year. [Nominate someone today!](#) Closes June 30.

[California Association of Science Educators](#) is accepting nominations for a variety of STEM teaching awards. Deadline to nominate is May 27, 2024

Get free science supplies from Bio-Link Depot

Bio-Link Depot is having their educator open house on Sunday, May 26 where teachers can get free lab and bench top equipment. You might find flasks or microscopes and more. [You must RSVP in advance.](#)

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