INTRODUCTORY WEBINAR
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10:00 AM MT

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Agenda

9:45 – 10:00  Sound Checks
10:00 - 10:05  Welcome and Introductions
10:05 – 10:10  Overview of Family Workshops
10:10 – 10:20  Program Requirements
10:20 – 10:25  Online Resources
10:25 – 10:45  Success, Challenges, & Tips
10:45 – 11:00  Questions & Feedback
Early experiences with STEM activities & information make a difference.
1st year libraries are required to host 2 family workshops
Returning libraries are required to host one family workshop
For each workshop submit to ICfL:
  - Summary Report
  - Parent Surveys
Engaging Tools

- Squishy Circuits: Electric Play Dough!
- Various building toys and puzzles
- LEGO bricks
- ViewScope microscope
- Wooden building blocks
- Snap Circuits
- Engineering kit
Online & Print Resources

Online Gameboard

STEM Rack Cards

STEM Activity Booklets
Lessons Learned

• Try the experiments ahead of time so you know what to expect
• Keep the introduction to the workshop SHORT! Have an activity for the kids while you talk with the parents.
• Allow plenty of time for the workshop
• Have enough staff/volunteers to support the learning
• Be flexible!
• Have signage at each station with suggested questions, language to use, or other modeling for parents
• Have options for different ages and abilities
• Have enough space so it isn’t too crowded
• Be prepared for some chaos and mess
• It doesn’t have to be complicated – even free play with a few items is great
• Pull books from the collection that will be of interest and encourage parents to check them out after the workshop
• Give the family book to parents as they hand in their completed survey! Not before!
QUESTIONS?
IDEAS?