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American Fork Library

BIG Ideas for Small Libraries

Things We've Tried, Things That Worked,
Epic Fails, & Things We've Learned

STEAM: How We Did It

- ▶ 1x/month
 - ▶ Thursday, 4:00 – 5:00
 - ▶ 8 & up
- ▶ Pre-registration Required
 - ▶ 1st of the month
 - ▶ Online only - Eventbrite
 - ▶ Limit class size
- ▶ Repurpose library materials
- ▶ Partnerships. Partnerships. Partnerships.

What We Learned Along the Way

- ▶ Post expectations/rules
- ▶ Teach one concept
- ▶ Listen/watch/do format
 - ▶ YouTube
 - ▶ Experiential Learning
- ▶ Individual involvement –teams are great but make sure that each team member gets an opportunity to contribute/has a task
- ▶ Have fun!!

Nailed It/Failed It

Nailed It!

- ▶ Cup Stacking
- ▶ Microwaves
- ▶ Egg Drop

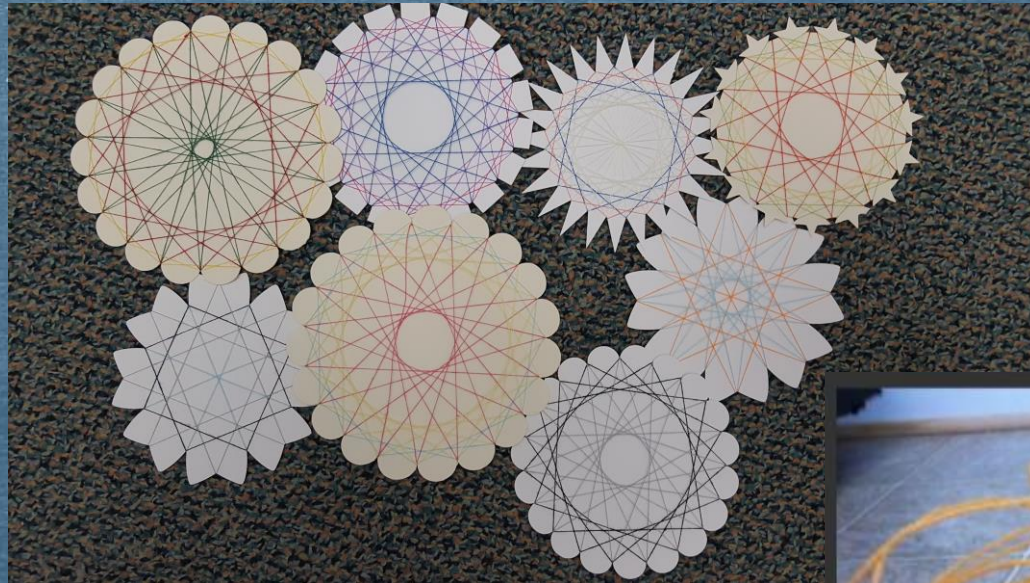
Failed It!

- ▶ Crash Test Dummies
- ▶ String Art
- ▶ Wilderness Survivor Challenge



Cup
Stacking

String
Art



(Not!)

Family Night: How We Did It

- ▶ 1x/month
 - ▶ 2nd Monday, 7:00 – 8:00 (depending on activity)
 - ▶ All ages
- ▶ Again...repurpose library materials

What We Learned Along the Way

- ▶ Pumped-Up Passive Programming
 - ▶ Multiple stations/activities
 - ▶ Pop Culture!!
- ▶ Make sure you book your community room
- ▶ Have fun!!

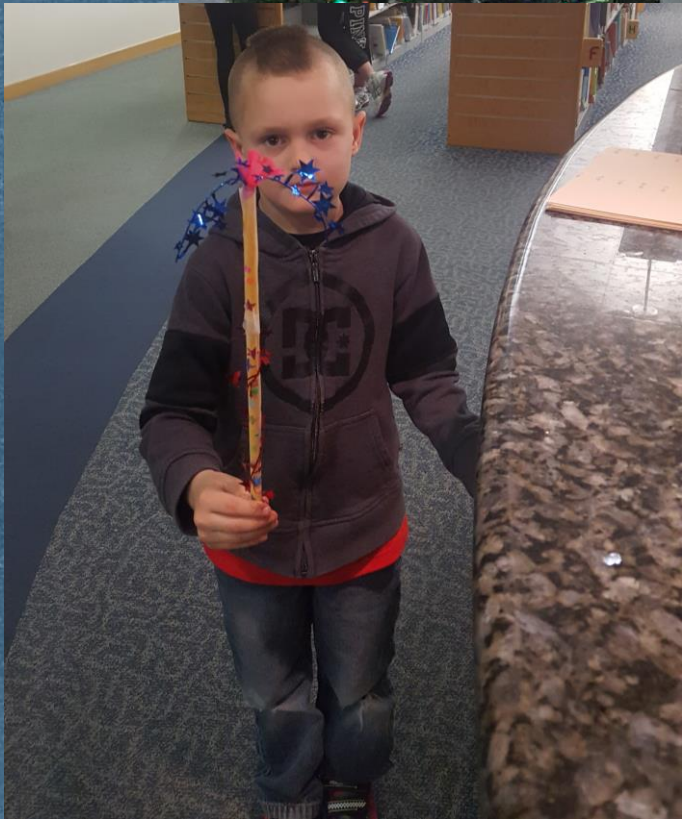
Nailed It/Failed It

Nailed It!

- ▶ Pokémon
- ▶ Elf on the Bookshelf
- ▶ Harry Potter
- ▶ Trick or Read

Failed It!

- ▶ International Board Game Night
- ▶ Pete's Dragon
- ▶ Llama Llama Red Pajama



Sensory Play: How We Did It

- ▶ Seasonal/Quarterly
 - ▶ Wednesday, 10:00 – 12:00
 - ▶ Children 5 & under w/Caregiver
- ▶ Again...repurpose library materials

What We Learned Along the Way

- ▶ Water Beads
 - ▶ Non-toxic (Considered edible by ALL children)
 - ▶ Bounce
 - ▶ Invisible on carpet
- ▶ Cloud Dough
 - ▶ Containers with deep sides even when placed on tarps DO NOT contain
 - ▶ Clogs vacuum
- ▶ Two hours is one hour too long



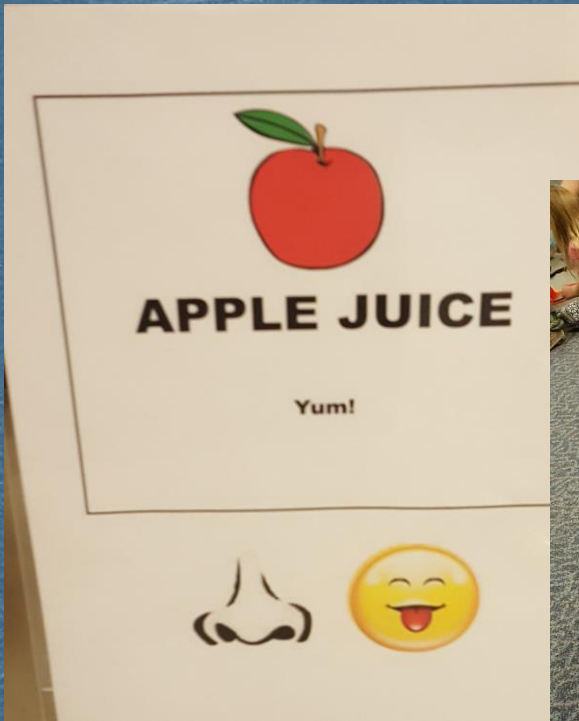
Nailed It/Failed It

Nailed It!

- ▶ Scarecrow/Snowman bin
- ▶ Turkey pluck/Pompom Push
- ▶ Cookie making
- ▶ Candy cane rice

Failed It!

- ▶ Squish bags
- ▶ Cloud dough
- ▶ Water beads
- ▶ Kitchen band



Advertising

- ▶ Website
- ▶ Newsletter
- ▶ Social Media
- ▶ LED Sign
- ▶ In-house flyers/tv's
- ▶ Word of Mouth



Elf on the Bookshelf Family Night at the Library

Fun activities for everyone!



Storytime with Elf @ 6:30

End your evening with a special
Christmas performance by
Timpanogos Chorale

Monday, December 12th

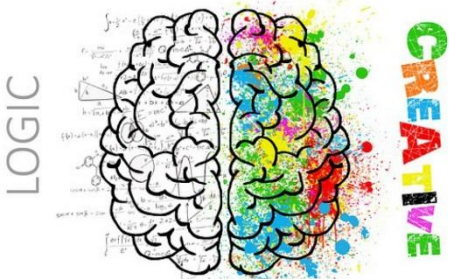
Players move through several mini challenges, earning points, and learning STEAM concepts in a fun way.

Mind Sprint Madness

March 16th

4:00 PM

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Class is for ages 8 - 11. Registration required.
To register visit <https://steammarch2017.eventbrite.com>

Winter Wonderland Sensory Play Activity

December 14th, 10 am - 12 noon

American Fork Library Community Room

Children 0-5 and their caregivers are invited to explore a frozen wonderland.

DANCE, DANCE, DANCE!

March 8 @ 10:30

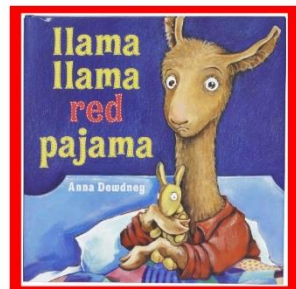
For toddlers, preschoolers, & their caregivers

A morning of creative movement & pretend play



family night @ the library
march 13, 7:00pm

wear your **RED** pajamas (or any other color) & join Llama Llama for a fun night of stories, games, & crafts



Questions & Discussion

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<https://tinyurl.com/af-library-big-ideas>
