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Full STEAM Ahead: An All-Ages Activity Night

It's the hottest thing going at libraries these days: building, coding, making, and hanging out with robots.

Officially, *STEAM* stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math. In library language, *STEAM* stands for crazy-creative fun for all ages.

Everyone is invited to **Full STEAM Ahead Activity Night at the Tumwater Timberland Library, Friday, Feb. 24 from 6-8 p.m.**

Here are some of the building and technology kits that will be in use:

- Dot and Dash Robots, Ozobots
- Makey Makey, Simple Machines
- LEGO® Table, Straws and Connectors
- Robot Turtles Game, Moon Sand
- Squishy Circuits, Cardboard circuits

Local engineers from HDR Inc., will be helping provide engineering activities at this event. (Children under age 9 may need adult help for some of the activities.)

Register online or at the library's information desk, beginning Feb. 10.

The Friends of the Tumwater Timberland Library will sponsor this after-hours event. No other services will be available at this time.



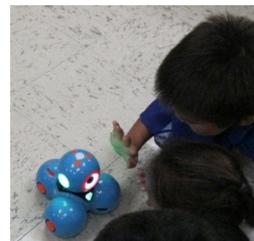
There is no end to what inventive minds can create with "Makey Makey"



Writing code for "Ozobots"



"Makey Makey" Piano



"Dot and Dash" Robots

Why is STEAM so important, especially for kids in school? Here is an **excerpt** from The Huffington Post:

"The US Department of Education reports that the number of STEM/STEAM jobs in the United States will grow by 14% from 2010 to 2020, ... much faster than the national average of 5-8 % across all job sectors."

All Timberland Programs are free and open to the public. **The Tumwater Timberland Library** is located at 7023 New Market Street. For more information, contact the library at (360) 943-7790 or visit www.TRL.org.

Timberland Regional Library provides for the information, reading and lifelong learning needs of the Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific and Thurston county public at 27 community public libraries and six library service partner locations. The library system is funded mainly by local property taxes. Anyone needing special accommodations to participate in a library's programs may contact the library one week in advance.



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