

Stem Projects in Virginia

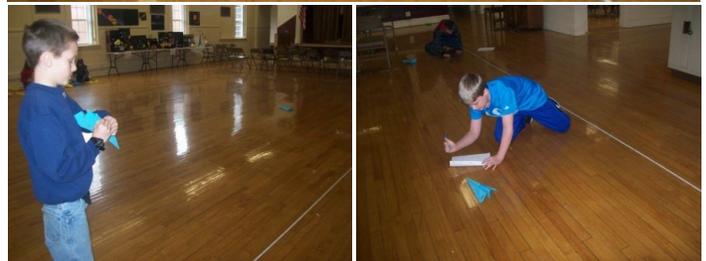
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Blue Ridge Regional Library

The description and photos are from the STEM project at Woolwine Elementary School, Dee Owens, Principal.

— Cecil Holland

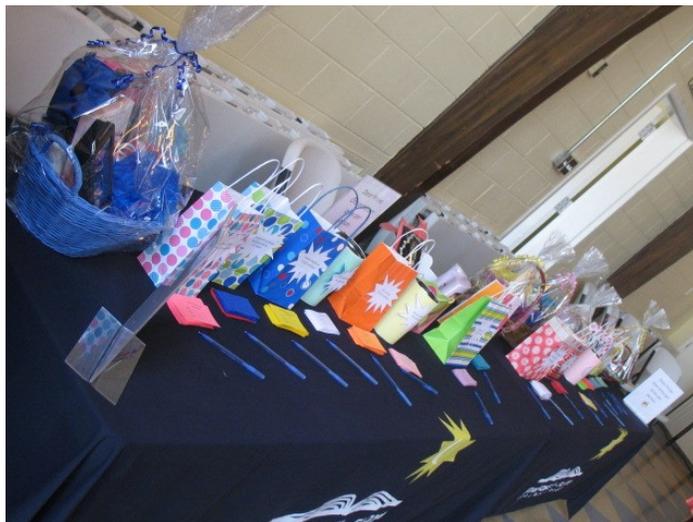
Fifth grade students recently received and participated in a joint program with the Science Museum of Virginia, the Library of Virginia, and the Blue Ridge Regional Library. Each student received a STEM backpack (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) with five student-friendly science experiments. Also included in the backpack was a science-themed book. In March the fifth graders performed two of the experiments at school. They enjoyed testing how the size of a guitar "bridge" affects the pitch of the strings. Their favorite experiment involved testing the design of paper airplanes. Students performed three test flights on a template air plane and then performed test flights on two custom designed air planes. This experiment was very exciting, with one airplane getting stuck in the auditorium beams! Many thanks to these agencies for including Woolwine Elementary School in this learning opportunity.



Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library Prom Dress Extravaganza Program

The Meadowbrook Public Library had our third annual Prom Dress Extravaganza this month. This program provides free slightly used prom dresses to all female juniors and seniors in the New River Valley Area, planning to attend the prom. Thanks to the generous NRV community that donated we had over 200 dresses this year ranging from size zero to thirty-eight. In addition, we received grant money from the New River Community Foundation. The grant money was used to purchase additional dresses and dry-cleaning for dresses. We saw an increase in teen attendance and were able to help all the attendees find a dress. A volunteer provided dress alterations during the program. Teens were able to enter for door prizes, including gift cards to several local restaurants that were graciously donated.

— Sarah Pahl, Youth Services Manager



Virginia Department of Health **Information for Drowning Prevention Month**

Attached is information for Drowning Prevention Month. This sheet focuses on pool and open body of water safety. Home safety tips are pending for June 2015

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Virginia Cooperative Extension **4-H Military Partnership Information, 4-H Scholarship Opportunity for Virginia Youth**

The [Virginia 4-H Military Partnership](#) website has been updated. You will find links to the following listed under the caption, "What's New?" on the home page.

- ◇ **4-H Scholarship Opportunity for Virginia Youth Ages 5-19 of Geographically Dispersed Military Families of All Branches** (This updated document has also been attached.)
- ◇ **Purple-Up! for Military Kids—Photos**
- ◇ **eXtension for Military Families**
- ◇ **And More!**

Click here:
<http://www.virginia4-hmilitaryclubs.org/home.html>

Also see attachment to this newsletter.

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Virginia No Kid Hungry Program **Engaging Libraries in the Summer Food Service Program**

Libraries can help in our efforts to reach more children in need this summer. Please see the attached two-page overview, which outlines the program and the best ways for libraries to get involved.

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Association for Library Service to Children **ALSC Releases 2015 Summer Reading List**

The [Association for Library Service to Children](#) (ALSC) has updated and released three Summer Reading lists. The lists are full of book titles to keep children engaged in reading throughout the summer in order to help prevent the summer slide.

Three lists are available to download for free; K-2nd grade, 3rd-5th grade and 6th-8th grade. Each is available to download on the ALSC website in color and black and white. The lists are available at: <http://www.ala.org/alsc/2015-summer-reading-list>.



Each of the three 2015 Summer Reading brochures can be customized to include library information. Libraries are encouraged to place their summer hours and summer reading programs for children on each brochure before making copies available to schools and patrons.

Titles on the three 2015 Summer Reading Lists were compiled and annotated by ALSC's Quicklists Consulting Committee.

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