

## **Library Board Report - Children's Department**

### **September 4, 2026**

#### **July Programs**

##### **Weekly Programs** (average attendance)

- Book Babies – Emergent literacy skills for babies and toddlers: 50
- Family STEM – STEM activities for families: 20
- Family Storytime – Building reading skills together: 12
- Kinder Ready – teaches parents skills for kindergarten readiness: 17
- Music and Movement – Early music principles and playful movement: 76
- Problem Solvers – STEM activities for preschoolers: 9
- Storytime – Early learning and literacy skills for preschool ages: 35

##### **Monthly Programs** (average attendance)

- Art Club – art experiences for young children: 7
- Dance Party – Whole body movement for positive emotions: 55
- Read to a Dog, 7/9/26: 28
- STEM in the Park, 7/20/26: 73

##### **Special July Programs** (total participants)

- July Scavenger Hunt, I Spy in the Library: 1,558; weekly average 390
- Firefighter Storytime, 7/14/26: 340
- Chukars Storytime, 7/21/26: 112
- Harry Potter's Birthday, 7/31/26: 305
- Library Tour, 7/23/26: 14

#### **August Programs**

##### **Weekly Programs** (average attendance)

- Book Babies – Emergent literacy skills for babies and toddlers: 62
- Family STEM – STEM activities for families: 27
- Family Storytime – Building reading skills together: 9
- Kinder Ready – teaches parents skills for kindergarten readiness: 12
- Music and Movement – Early music principles and playful movement: 51
- Problem Solvers – STEM activities for preschoolers: 16
- Storytime – Early learning and literacy skills for preschool ages: 40

##### **Special August Programs** (total participants)

- August Scavenger Hunt, I Spy in the Library: 1,167; weekly average 291
- Summer Stem Kits, June 1 to August 3: 3,000  
(thanks to generous grants from Batelle Energy Alliance, the Idaho Environmental Coalition, and the Idaho Commission for Libraries).
- Summer Stem Kits, weekly average: 300
- Read to a Dog, 8/13/26: 28
- Blackrock Winds Musical Ensemble Storytime, 8/28/26: 70

#### **Year Long Programs**

- Extreme Book Nerd for Kids, total: 74
- Extreme Book Nerd for Kids, Your Way, total: 246
- Library Buttons, total: 264
- 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, total: 274



## **Family STEM**

## **Exploring Magnets 7-18-26**





# Family STEM

## Exploring Magnets

7-18-26



# STEM in the Park

## Chemical Reactions



**7-22-26**



# Lemon Volcanoes



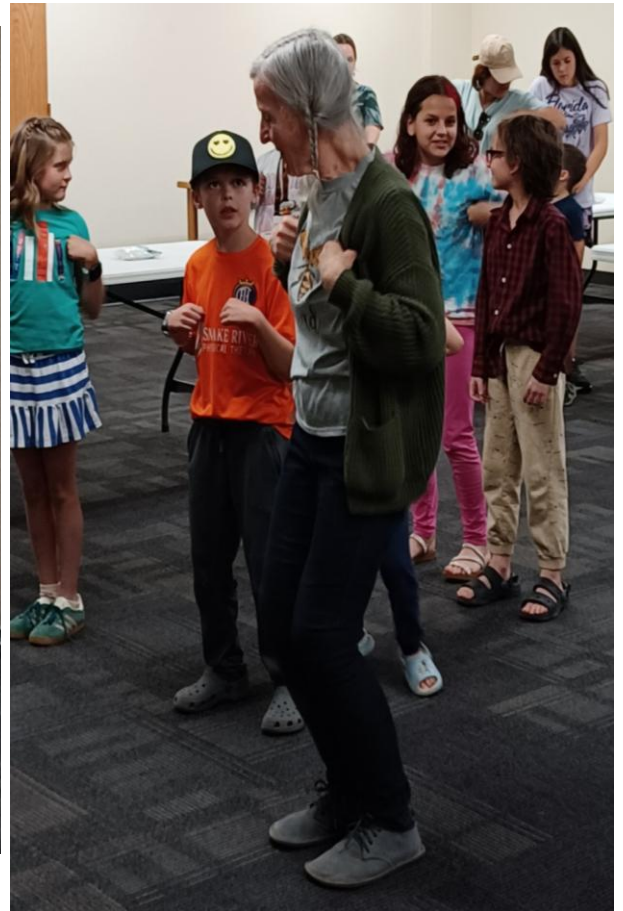
**STEM in the  
Park 7-22-26**



**STEM in the Park**  
**Chemical Reactions**  
**7-22-26**  
**Elephant**  
**Toothpaste**  
**and**  
**Red Cabbage PH**  
**Indicator Experiments**



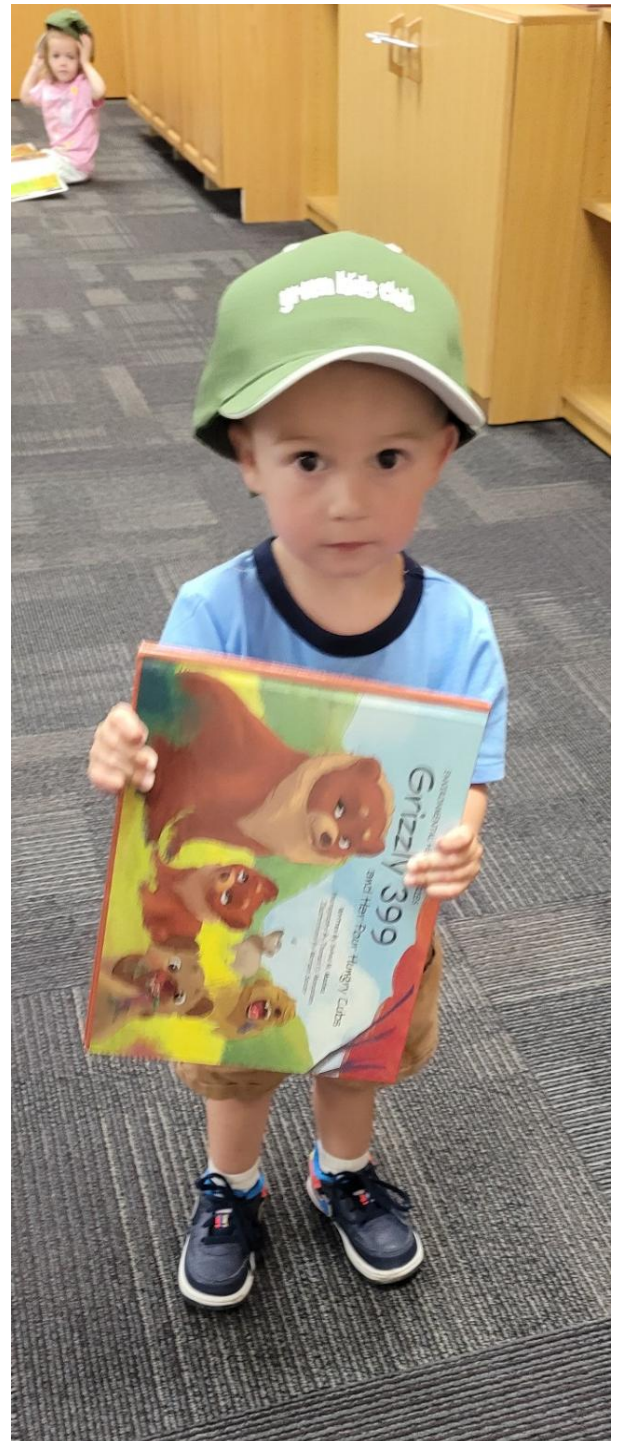
## Nectar Collector Storytime 6-2-26



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# Love in the Wild Storytime 6-3-26



# Firefighter Storytime 6-9-26



# STEM in the Park– Sound 6-24-26





# STEM in the Park

**Sound**  
**6-24-26**





**STEM  
in the  
Park  
Sound  
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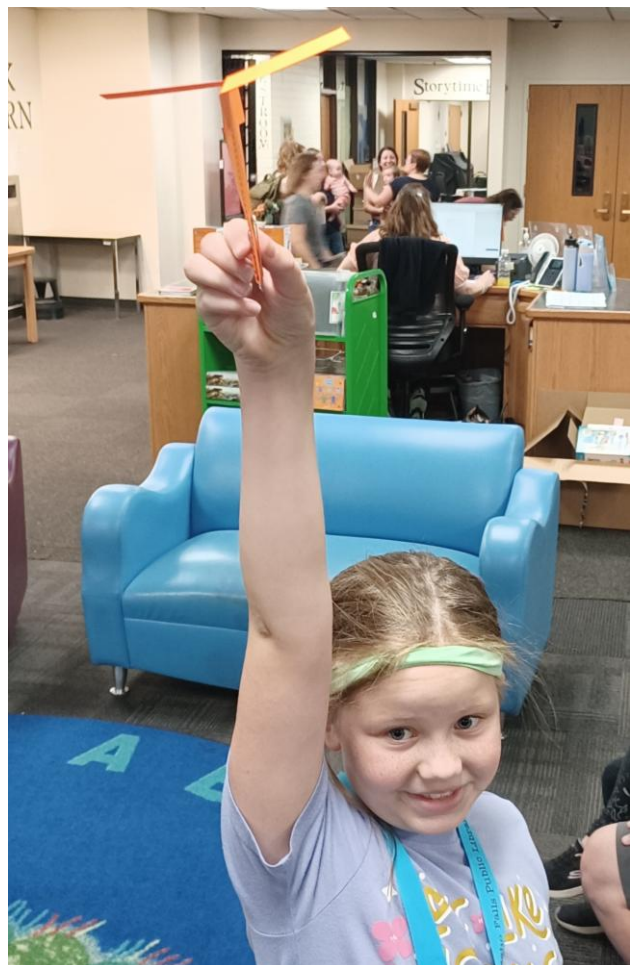
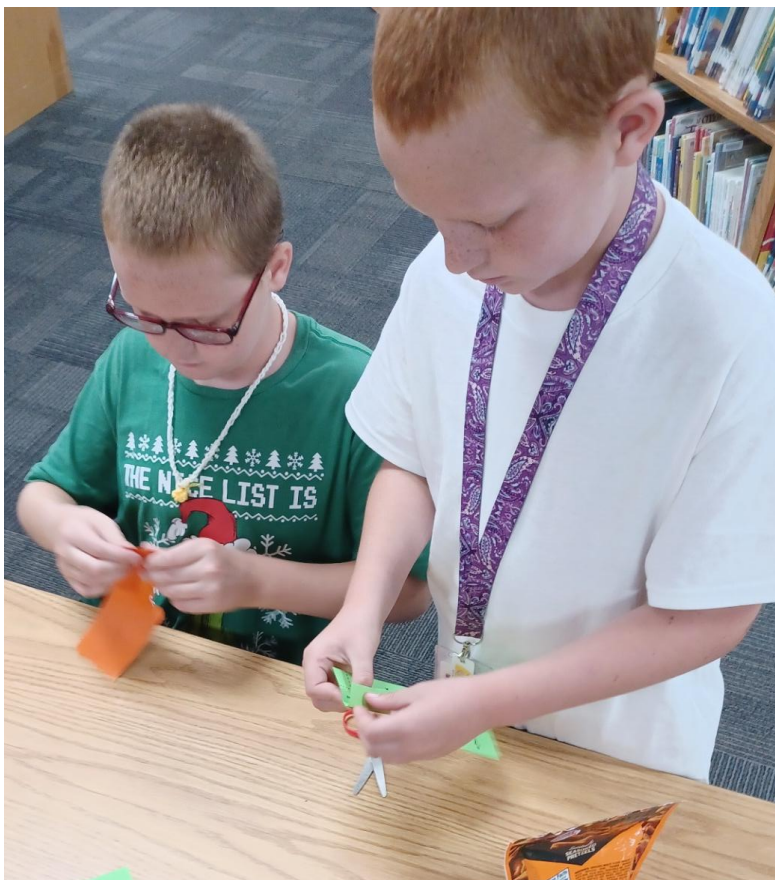
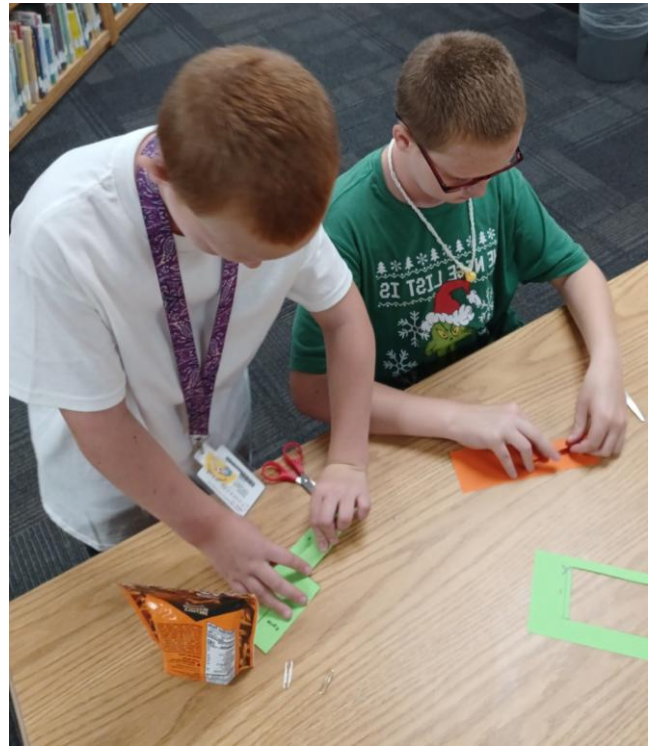
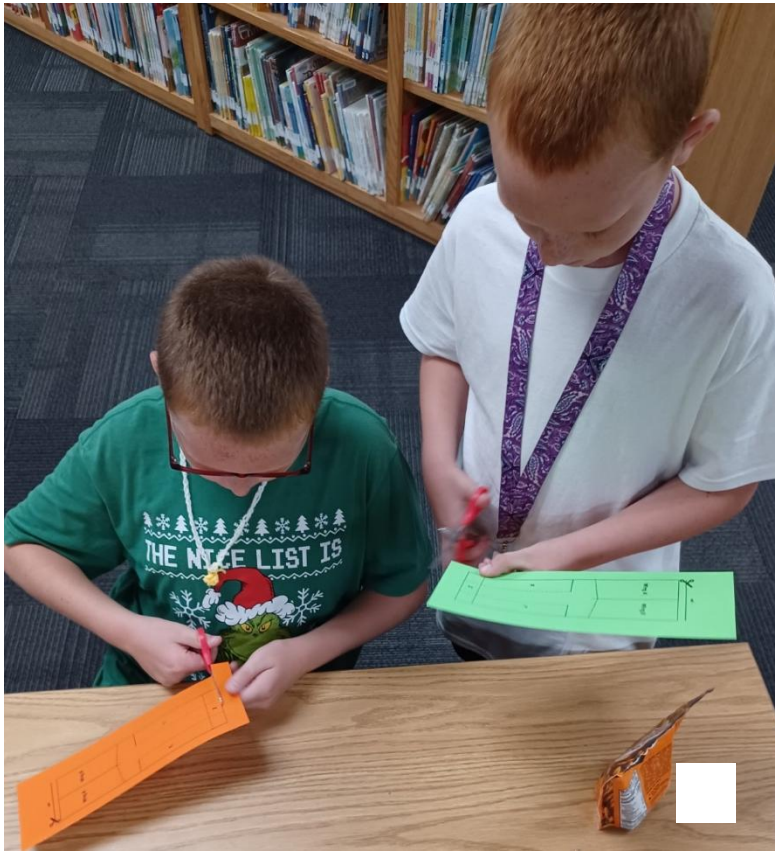
# Read to a Dog 6-25-26



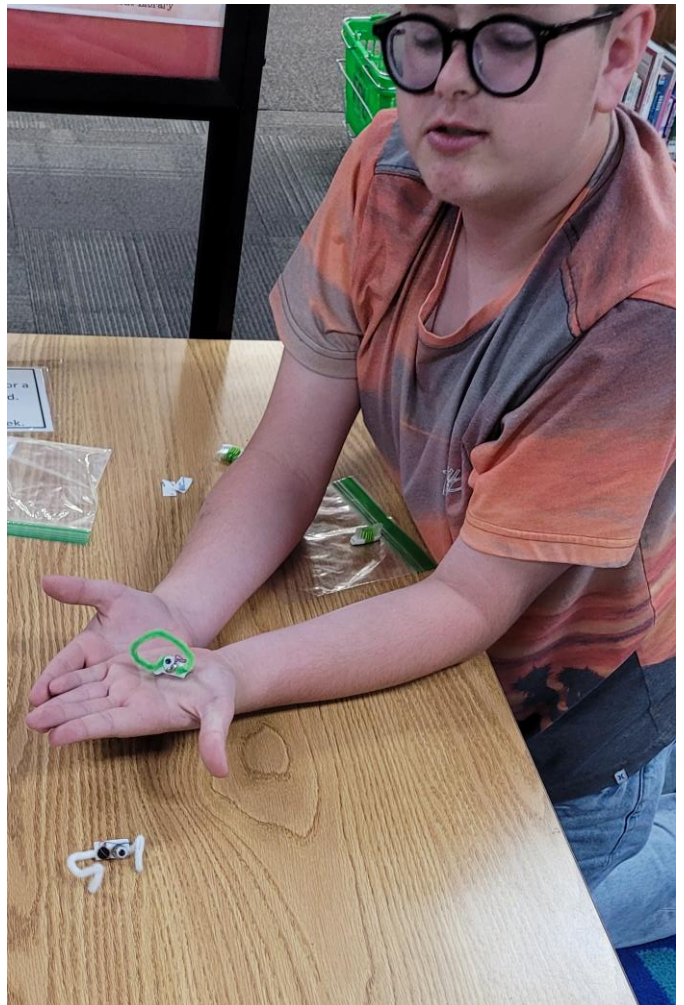


**Read  
to a Dog  
6-25-26**

# Whirlybird STEM Kit 6-1-26



# Bristlebots STEM Kit 6-8-26



# Secret Message STEM Kit

6-15-26



# Balloon powered car STEM Kit

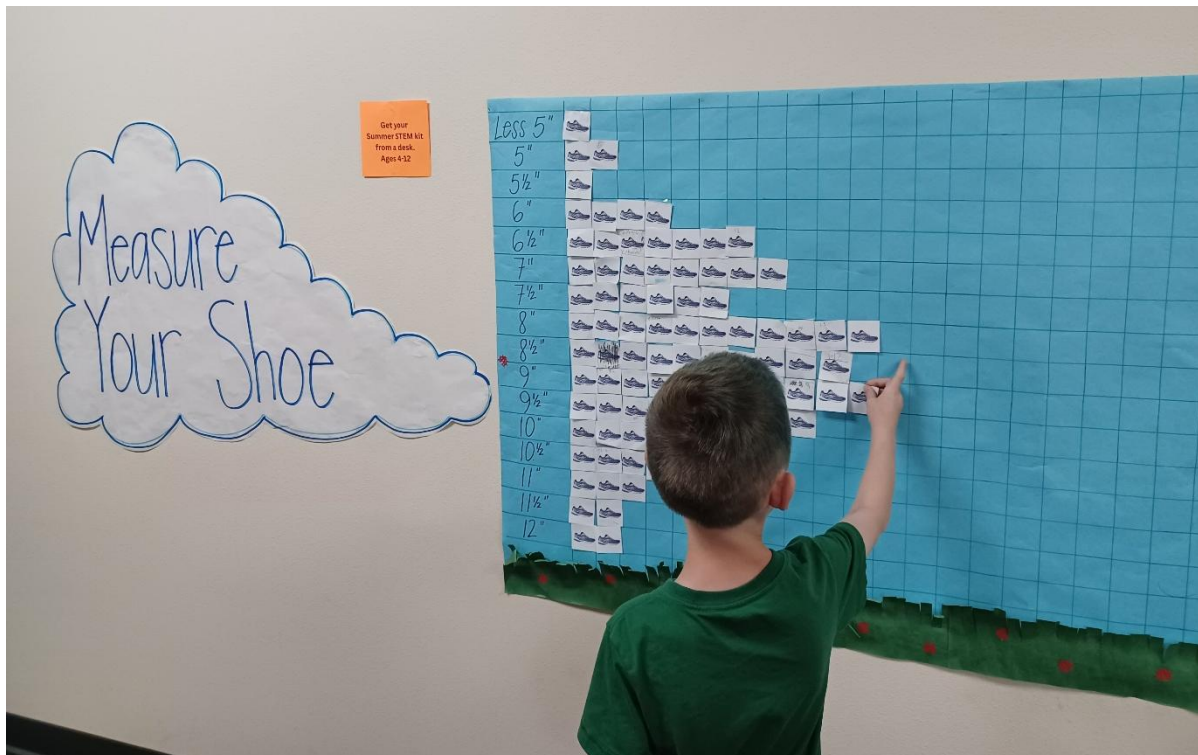
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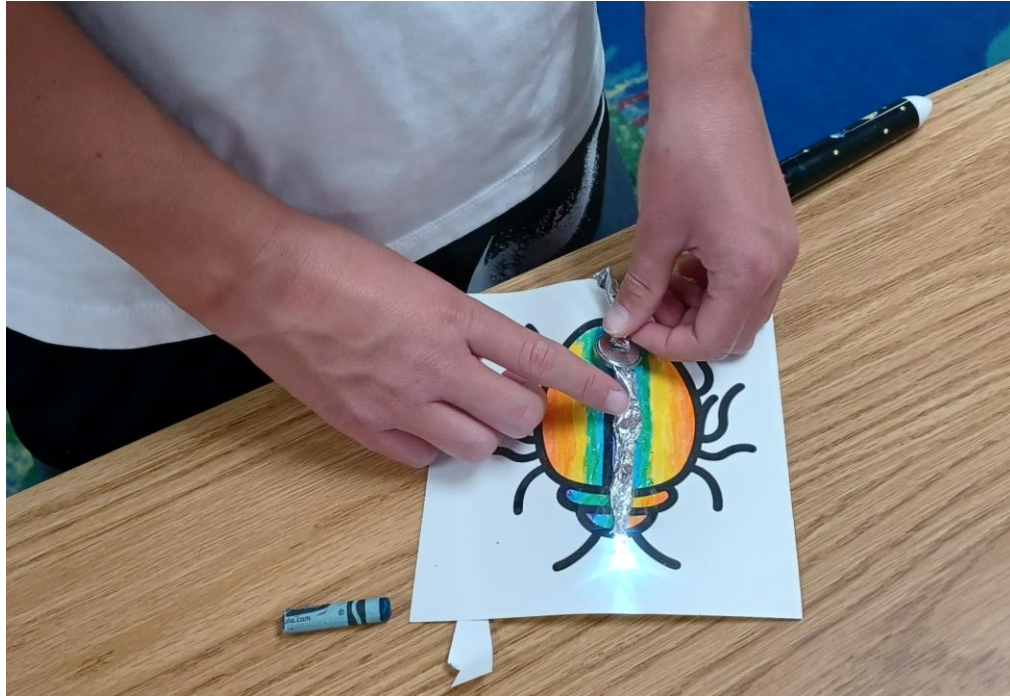


# Measure and Graph STEM Kit

## 6-29-26



# Light up bug STEM kit 7-6-26



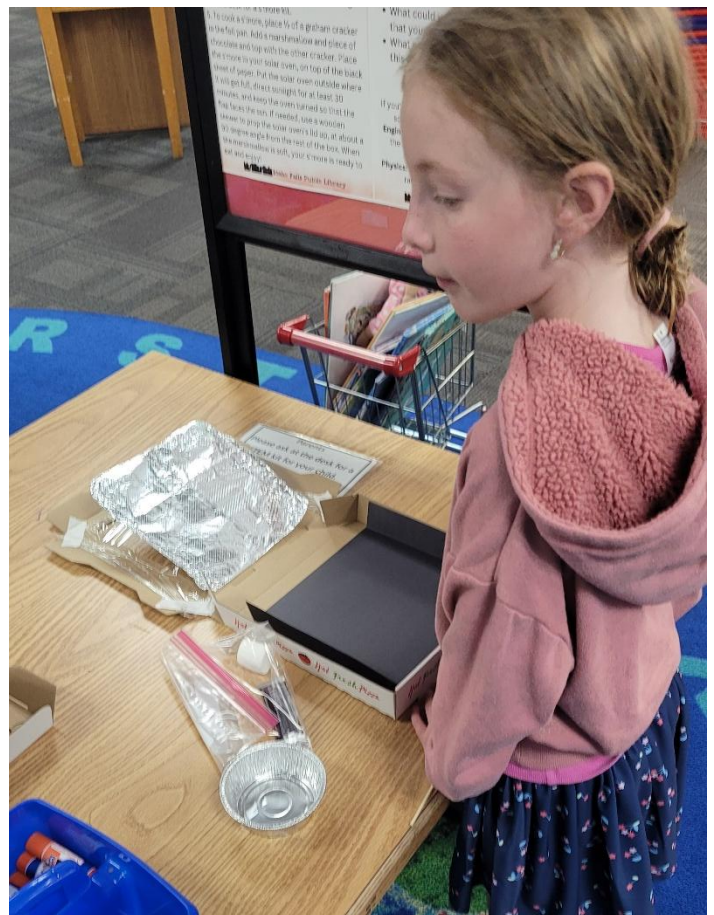
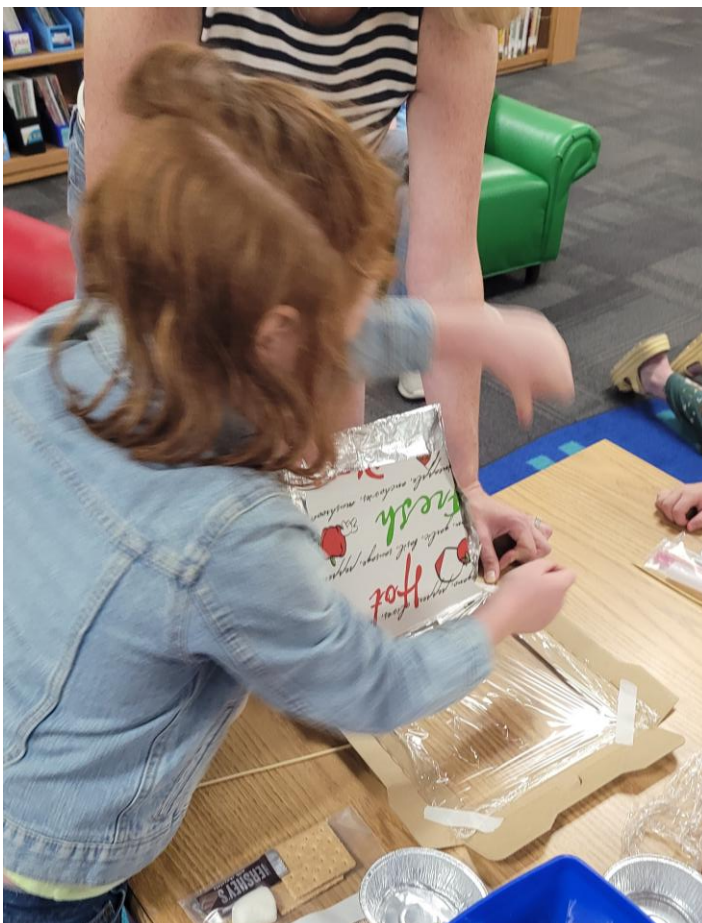
# 3D Tower with Jelly Beans and toothpicks STEM Kit 7-13-26



# Static Electricity Butterfly STEM Kit



# Solar Oven STEM Kit 7-27-26



# Catapult STEM kit 8-3-26

