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## San Diego Public Library's Spring into STEAM Challenge Focuses on Exploration

FIFTH ANNUAL CHALLENGE ENCOURAGES STUDENTS TO EXPLORE NEW PLACES, CULTURES AND MODES OF TRAVEL

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library is kicking off its fifth annual Spring into STEAM program on April 1, 2021, with a series of virtual workshops designed to strengthen the STEAM (science, technology, engineering arts and mathematics) skills of local students.

With this year's theme "Let's Go!" students will embark on adventures to the rainforest and the pyramids of Egypt, traveling by air, land and sea. Spring into STEAM programs are free to youth ages nine through 12 and are a collaboration with local science experts and organizations including Arts for Learning San Diego, San Diego Air & Space Museum and Toshwerks.

Classes will be held virtually throughout the month of April. Registration is required and includes an activity kit that can be picked up at one of the 25 library service <u>locations</u>. There are four programs to choose from:

- **Sounds of the Rainforest: Making a Manguaré:** Make a small drum and learn how tribes in the rainforest use drums to talk to each other across vast distances.
- **Junior Explorers: Let's Go to Egypt:** Learn about the history of Egypt and create a pyramid and pharaoh's mask.
- **By Air, By Land, By Sea:** Take a behind-the-scenes tour of the San Diego Air & Space Museum and create a vehicle that will travel on land, through the air and over the water.
- **Illuminated Map Quest:** Make a light-up map of the world and choose places to learn about and explore.

Participants who finish two or more programs will receive a pair of binoculars as a prize. Spring into STEAM registration information and program dates and times are available on the library's <u>website</u>. Twelve <u>library locations</u> are currently open for in-person services and an additional 13 locations are offering contactless pickup service.

## **About the San Diego Public Library**

With a vision of being the place for opportunity, discovery and inspiration, the San Diego Public Library is a hub for knowledge and lifelong learning. As the largest library system in the region, it serves a population of more than 1.4 million people. Learn about events at the San Diego Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common and 35 community branch libraries, find links to programs and resources or search for materials in the online catalog at <a href="https://www.sandiegolibrary.org">www.sandiegolibrary.org</a>.

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