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Spring into STEAM with the San Diego Public Library

STUDENTS TAKE A JOURNEY TO OUTER SPACE DURING THE LIBRARY'S ANNUAL SCIENCE-THEMED PROGRAM

SAN DIEGO – Starting this weekend, the San Diego Public Library (SDPL) is launching three months of science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) programming for local youth. The theme of the 8th annual Spring into STEAM program is "Space Out!" Students can learn about distant star constellations, galaxies and the technology needed for space exploration.

Spring into STEAM programs run from March through May and are offered virtually and in person at dozens of <u>library locations</u>. SDPL is partnering with local science experts and organizations to create four unique educational experiences geared toward students ages 9 to 12.

- **Portable Planetarium Explore the Night Sky:** Take a journey across the solar system inside a portable planetarium. The interactive program features special effects, lasers and music.
- **Blast off with Mad Science Living in Space**: Experience life as an astronaut, using teamwork to complete a space mission, build a model space station and go on a spacewalk challenge.
- **Expedition to Mars**: Work on robotics space-related projects, learning about electronics and mechanics.
- **Stellar Star Projector**: Discover what stars you were born under and capture the constellations by creating a custom star projector.

SDPL is hosting a free Spring into STEAM kick-off event, featuring the San Diego Air & Space Museum's Mission Control Bus, on Saturday, March 16, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library. All ages are welcome to attend and take part in space-themed activities and preview the Spring into STEAM programs.

The Spring into STEAM programs are free and registration is required in advance. Visit sandiego.gov/steam or any one of the 36 SDPL locations for more information and to register.

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 Λ Irwin Jacobs Common and 35

community branch libraries, find links to programs and resources or search for materials in the online catalog at www.sandiegolibrary.org.