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City of San Diego Libraries Challenge Students to “Go Wild” for Annual Spring into STEAM Program

FOURTH ANNUAL CHALLENGE FOCUSES ON RAINFOREST CONSERVATION, PROMOTES FREE MATH, ARTS AND SCIENCE PROGRAMMING AT LIBRARIES CITYWIDE

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego Public Library is kicking off its fourth annual Spring into STEAM program with a new series of workshops designed to encourage young students to better appreciate and improve their STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) skills.

“The early introduction into STEAM fields that students receive during these workshops opens their eyes to a world of opportunities and helps them identify that dream job that they never knew existed,” said Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer. **“Our City libraries are giving San Diego’s youngest minds the chance to explore and innovate while preparing them for the jobs of tomorrow.”**

This year’s theme is “Go Wild!” and explores the sights, sounds and ecosystems of the rainforest. Spring into STEAM programs are free to youth ages nine through 12, and are a collaboration with local science experts and organizations including Microsoft, Arts for Learning San Diego and the Biocom Institute Festival of Science & Engineering.

“This program offers a unique and engaging way for young people to strengthen their STEAM skills,” said Library Director Misty Jones. **“Spring into STEAM programs are offered at all San Diego Public Library locations, ensuring they are accessible to all San Diego youth.”**

Classes and workshops will be held at all 36 libraries across the City during the months of March, April and May. There are five programs to choose from and participants who finish three or more will receive a pair of binoculars.

- **D.I.Y. Rainforest Terrarium:** Learn the importance of the biome and create your own miniature rainforest
- **Go Wild with Zovargo:** Discover some of the beautiful animals that call the rainforest home
- **Minecraft: Go Wild & Explore the Rainforest:** Use Minecraft to create an ecosystem and learn about biodiversity and extinct species
- **Saving Conures Through Conservation:** Learn about wild parrots and create a pinecone treat for local birds to snack on
- **Sounds of the Rainforest: Making a Manguaré:** Make a small drum and learn rhythmic patterns that tribes in the Amazon use for music and communication

Spring into STEAM program dates, times and locations are available on the library's [website](#). Advanced registration is required. A "Go Wild!" kick-off event featuring crafts, music and refreshments will take place on Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020, at 11 a.m. at the [Mira Mesa Library](#).

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 1.3 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 www.sandiegolibrary.org.

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