



Institute for Learning Innovation

Do You Have a 10-13 Year old?

We're working with your library to learn how to better support your child's interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (sometimes called "STEAM").

We're inviting families with 10-13-year-olds to **Earn up to \$50 in prizes** by doing a fun activity at the library and participating in 3-4 short online conversations with our professional researchers. No special knowledge or skill set is required – we are most interested in hearing your child's opinions about what they find interesting and engaging.

If this sounds like something you and your child would enjoy, please visit our website to register, give consent, and learn more.

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Email Debbie Siegel at Debbie.Siegel@freechoicelearning.org for more info.

STEAM Library Research Study

Parent Consent Form

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

The Institute for Learning Innovation, in collaboration with the Space Science Institute, the American Library Association, Twin Cities Public Television, the Education Development Center, and your local library invite your family to participate in a research study as part of the *STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) Library* project. By examining the impact of *STEAM Library* experiences on youth in your community we hope to help improve these types of experiences nationwide.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS FORM?

This form provides you with information about the study. Please read the information below and feel free to contact us (contact information below) with any questions you might have before deciding whether to take part. We are asking you to complete this consent form indicating whether you give permission for your child to participate in this study.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Any child between the ages of 10 and 13 years old can participate.

WHAT WILL MY CHILD DO?

Your child will be asked to participate in a series of short (less than 30 minutes) virtual interviews. The first will take place soon after we have received your permission. The rest of the 2 to 3 interviews will occur over the course of the next two years. In these interviews, your child will be asked about their interests and what types of activities they like to do. These interviews will be audio recorded. Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend the virtual interviews with their children.

It is important to point out that we will not be judging your child on his/her/their activities – there is no “good” or “bad” here. Rather, we are interested in how your child, along with other youth in this area, are spending their time outside of school, what kinds of things they are learning, and how libraries can be helpful in supporting that learning.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS AND POSSIBLE DISCOMFORTS OF THIS STUDY?

Your participation in this study poses no known risks to your child, however, some parts of the study require participants to be audio recorded, which can cause some individuals a certain amount of discomfort. Be reassured, though, no one outside of our study group will have access to these audio recordings will be deleted after the study. Since all interviews will be virtual, there will be no risks due to COVID-19.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THIS STUDY?

Benefits gained from participation in this study include having the opportunity to contribute to the long-term success of your local library plus other youth and local libraries around the country.

WILL MY CHILD BE PAID FOR BEING IN THIS STUDY?

To thank you for your child's participation, your child will receive prizes up to \$50 in value after her/his/their participation in the study.

WHO IS PAYING FOR THIS STUDY?

This project is being funded by the National Science Foundation.

WILL OUR CONTACT INFORMATION AND INTERVIEWS BE CONFIDENTIAL?

Only the study researchers will have access to the audio recordings from interviews and information provided on this form. Your child's name, contact information or any identifying information about your child will never be shared nor appear on any report or publication related to this project. In other words, the identity of your child will always be protected.

DOES MY CHILD HAVE TO PARTICIPATE?

Participation is completely voluntary. If you allow your child to participate, you or your child are free to withdraw from the study at any time. Choosing not to take part in this study or withdrawing before it is completed, will not result in any penalty or loss of benefits that you might otherwise be entitled to.

WHO DO I CONTACT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

If you have questions or concerns about this research, or would like to offer input on the study, please contact:

Dr. Debbie Siegel, Senior Researcher
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(541) 241-6801.

If you have any concerns or questions about your or your child's rights, please contact EDC's Human Protections Program at 617-618-2731 or humanprotections@edc.org.

WHAT DOES FILLING OUT THIS CONSENT FORM MEAN?

By completing this form, you are indicating that you are a legal caregiver of the child, that you have read this form, that this study has been explained to you and that your questions have been answered. If you have additional questions, again, please contact Dr. Siegel as described above.

Please click here to give consent for your child to participate in this study
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/STEAMLibrary>.

Sincerely,



Debbie Siegel, Ph.D.