

Thank you for providing funding for our STEM Library this past year. Overall, books have provided students with that extra influence and attraction I had been hoping for. With a range of topics available, the biggest hit among my students have been the "hands-on" based books like mini at-home STEM project ideas and origami. Our mini-library provides a valuable alternative to "free time" during class, particularly to those who complete their assignments early; they also have landed in the hands of students not-so-quick to complete projects during class. I have allowed students to borrow titles with the promise of return date, and thus far, it has been going very well.

Our STEM program is broadened by the presence of these materials! Students are able to see and experience that STEM goes far beyond what we do in our semester-long courses. With classes alone, students receive a glimpse into the world of STEM, but with books, the horizon broadens and many are able to see and experience this further reach.

I look forward to more opportunities with the Foundation. Your program for teachers has truly been a gift to our middle school program. Your support through funding continues to shape our STEM program. Please know that you are so very much appreciated.

Thank you again,

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