

## Friends of Crowville, library host STEM workshop



Franklin Parish students hear STEM presentation (Photos courtesy Friends of Crowville)

Friends of Crowville teamed up with Franklin Parish Library and Louisiana Delta Community College's Winnboro Campus for a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) workshop aimed at bringing awareness for STEM-related career paths to area third, fourth, and fifth graders.

Nearly 600 Franklin Parish elementary students visited the library Learning Center Feb. 4-7.

Kayla Shirley, library director, introduced students to STEM through an interactive presentation linking the world of STEM to what students were already accomplishing within their classrooms and encouraging students to embrace their curiosity when it comes to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Students walked through 12 different stations that focused on creativity, developing and utilizing problem-solving skills, critical analysis, teamwork, independent thinking, initiative, communication, and digital literacy.

Franklin Parish 4-H and Northeast Louisiana Power Cooperative (NELPCO) provided feature stations for the students explore.

Hannah Craddock, Franklin Parish 4-H Youth Development, provided students the opportunity to see codable drones in action.

Ed Beall with NELPCO demonstrated the power of electricity and taught the children various safety precautions should they ever find themselves near downed or damaged power lines. Some children left Beall's station stating that they would love to pursue careers as electricians, electrical engineers and linemen.

Franklin Medical Center and Louisiana Delta Community College gave students a chance to explore careers in the health fields.

Thanks to Friends of Crowville, each science teacher was able to take a STEM Kit back with them to their classroom.



A student tries a stethoscope



Students work on a building project



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