

## Summer STEM program provides hands-on learning experiences

With the help of a donation made by Friends of Crowville, Franklin Parish Library and Louisiana Delta Community College - Winnsboro Campus (LDCC) held their second STEM program for the year on Monday, June 16, in the Library Learning Center.

As part of the Library's summer reading program, children aged 9 to 13 were invited to attend this all-day workshop full of hands-on, STEM-related activities as well as a visit to Big Winn Studios.

Some of the hands-on activities included experimenting with magnetism, problem-solving with gravity mazes, learning to code three different types of robots, exploring finger-print types, learning about the power (and danger) of electricity.

Ed Beall with Northeast Louisiana Power Cooperative (NELPCO) led the session on electricity.

Students participating in the STEM event also had an opportunity to learn about the process of music, television, and movie production thanks to Big Winn Studios' Shane Mitchell and Charlie Maughon.

The power of static electricity was explored with the Van De Graaff generator thanks to Edward Hall, chemistry instructor at LDCC.

Volunteers included staff and patrons of Franklin Parish Library, LDCC, Northeast Louisiana Power Cooperative, Downtown Scoops, Winnsboro Main Street, and Big Winn Studios.

"We, the library, cannot thank our volunteers, partners, and community members enough for the support they've given us to bring projects like the STEM program to life," said Kayla Shirley, library director. "We look forward to working with community partners again in the future to continue our mission of bringing fun, educational programs to Franklin Parish."

For more information on programs offered by Franklin Parish Library visit the main branch located at 705 Prairie St., Winnsboro, call 435-4336, or the Wisner Branch, 129 Fort Scott St., (318) 724-7399, or visit their webpage.

(Photos Courtesy Franklin Parish Library)



STUDENTS AGES 9- 13 were invited to take part in the STEM program as part of the Franklin Parish Library's Summer Reading. Program.



ED HALL, Chemistry professor at LDCC, provides a lesson on static electricity.



BIG WINN STUDIOS gave students attending the Franklin Parish Library's STEM program a chance to explore music, television and movie production.



A ROBOT PROVIDES an opportunity for students to learn about coding.



ED BEALL of NELPCO talks about the power and danger of electricity.