

The Bandera PROPHEET

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Book some time with the Bandera Library

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The Bandera Public Library is pleased to announce the arrival of a new learning resource available to library patrons. Thanks to a generous grant from the Alkek Foundation, the Library has created 13 children's backpacks dedicated to different science topics. We are calling them STEM Packs. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. Each backpack will contain various education materials and books related to the topic. Themes include agriculture, health, computer coding, space, math, dinosaurs and more. Children can check out the backpack just like any other book and keep them for 14 days. In addition to the learning materials in the backpack, each kit contains a list of companion books for each topic. The companion books have just been added to the library's collection and are available to be checked out along with a STEM Pack or on their own.

Early exposure to STEM for children seriously increases their chances of pursuing a high demand job in STEM. But even more than this, STEM learning helps children learn how to connect what they are learning in their science and math classes and apply it to real life.

Studies have shown kids who receive STEM-based education are more creative and better prepared for life changes in the 21st century.

The STEM packs are the first addition to the Children's Library that are a part of a larger plan to update and expand the educational resources offered to our youngest patrons. This includes a collection of learning materials for home schooled kids, those learning virtually or those

families who are looking to supplement their child's education. Stay tuned as more upgrades and updates come on down the pike.

As a part of this effort to better support our local students, the Library is expanding the appointments to include 3 hour reservations of five study nooks located throughout the library. These are available to students on a first come, first serve basis. Students can call the library at 830-796-4213 to reserve a table. While in the library, we still require everyone to wear a mask (nose included!) and maintain 6 or more feet of distance.

Don't forget to make sure everyone of voting age in your household is registered to vote. The library has voter registration cards available by the circulation desk. You can call ahead and we can leave one for you out front or be sure and grab one when you are checking out books.

The Bandera Library is open by appointment only. Appointments are available from 9 am to 5:30 p.m. Happy tales, y'all.