Maker Mondays

Or How to Turn an Ordinary Day into Something Awesome

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1. How do we continue that success of the science summer program?

2. How do we make our programming more interactive?

3. I’m one person with a small army of volunteers. How do we add something new?

4. How do we get kids excited enough about our summer program to actually show up?
A Round Robin S.T.E.A.M. Based Program for a Variety of Ages that Enables the Whole Family to Participate and Piggybacks on the Success of Special Guests
What about problem 4?

Every Show Needs A Star

https://www.makewonder.com/
Well Poop, Now There’s a New Problem…

Who has room for a Maker Space anyway?
Each Session:
A Theme
Five Activities
4 Hours
Two Adults and At Least four volunteers

Robotics   Coding   Art   Engineering
Electricity   Fun and Games
Our Favorite Activities: Robotics
Art
Engineering and Fun and Games
Electricity and Fun and Games
Taking the Show on the Road
Where did all our ideas come from?

- Makerspaces in the Library online course
- Where all ideas come from...Pinterest
  - Maker Mondays
- A Few Good Books
- A Few Good Websites
- Everywhere
If you got a problem, yo I’ll solve it...

- We did science all summer... and technology, engineering, art, and math.

- Whole families participated. Kids came in big groups.

- We didn’t just add one program. We added three.

- We had the biggest summer in years and the most exciting contest between the schools.
What about next year?

- Outside sources of funding
- Better training for volunteers
- Special guests
- More collaboration in house
- We’ve taken over the inside, Now let's take it outside.
- Let’s get some dads involved.
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