

PUBLIC LIBRARY STRETCHES ITS BUDGET WITH LITTLEBITS

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TITLE
Children's Librarian

ORGANIZATION
Duxbury Free Library

AGE LEVELS
9 and up

LITTLEBITS PRODUCTS USED
Base and Deluxe Kits



WHO DROVE LITTLEBITS IMPLEMENTATION?

Jessica Lamarre is a children's librarian who manages makerspace programming for a library in Massachusetts.



WHERE WAS LITTLEBITS USED?

- The Duxbury Free Library's makerspace where children tinker and learn STEAM.
- Jessica also used littleBits to train other librarians at local workshops.



WHAT WAS THE GOAL OF THE PROJECT?

- Bolster makerspace programming in the library
- Continue the science & tech education participants learn in school.
- Engage girls and boys equally in science education.



WHY LITTLEBITS?

Jessica was impressed by littleBits' versatility. She said, "The re-usability of littleBits also helps justify the initial cost. They are the gift that keeps on giving." She also understood the power of STEAM (STEM + art). Jessica said, "littleBits is not just about science either, it appeals to wider audiences, like crafters."



HOW WAS LITTLEBITS USED?

- Explored circuitry with both primary & middle schoolers
- Used in a number of open-ended programs, including monthly 'tinkering Tuesday,' a teenage DIY club, summer reading's "Mad Science Mondays," and a Halloween decoration project.
- The library also used littleBits to market their programs and to train other librarians through professional development workshops.



WHAT WAS THE RESULT?

Jessica was impressed by how easy littleBits made it for her to teach science & technology, how quickly girls took to littleBits (as well as boys), and the excitement of children participants.

She said, "Hands down littleBits has been the most well received science-based product we've worked with."

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