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Waukeee Public Library Plans STEAM Expo to Celebrate Donation

Waukeee, Iowa — The Waukeee Public Library will host the Dr. Mayank K. Kothari STEAM Expo to celebrate the addition of 17 new STEAM kits to the library's collection. STEAM stands for "Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math". The event, for families with school-age children, will be held Saturday, Feb. 24 at 10 a.m. at the Waukeee Public Library.

The new STEAM kits are being donated in memory of Dr. Mayank K. Kothari. His son, Kaushal Kothari, invested in this initiative in honor of his late father because he believes STEAM skills are very important for children to have as they prepare for the future.

The 17 new kits join an already existing collection of 16 kits (provided by the Waukeee Public Library Friends Foundation), bringing the library's total to 33. The kits feature games or objects which help develop STEAM skills. Students can learn how to knit, use a microscope or telescope, build robots, learn to code and more. Just like books, the STEAM kits can be checked out for three weeks at a time.

Kaushal Kothari will give a short speech at 10 a.m., and a ribbon cutting will be held at 10:15 a.m. The public is then welcome to try out the new STEAM kits.

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The Waukeee Public Library operates as part of the City of Waukeee. It is governed by a seven-member board of trustees. In 2016 alone, nearly 110,000 visitors walked through the library doors and 183,000 items were checked out. In addition to providing books, digital materials, meeting space and computer access, the Waukeee Public Library hosts hundreds of programs and events each year to educate and enlighten Waukeee area citizens of all ages.