

## BBB Projects and Partners

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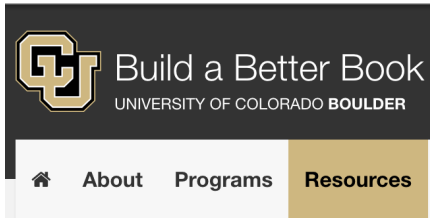
### Now Recruiting New BBB Partner Sites

Online applications are now open for libraries, schools and community Makerspaces interested in becoming a Build a Better Book Partner Site! Successful applicants will be invited to participate in a two-day professional development workshop (Feb 28-Mar 1, 2019), in Boulder, Colo. This active workshop will provide the foundation for leading STEM workshops for teens to create tactile, multi-modal books and games for children who are blind or visually impaired or who have other physical or learning disabilities. Participating sites will receive a materials kit to help support program implementation, and are expected to support a multi-day program for teens in 2019. [Visit our website to learn more and apply online!](#)



### BBB Teen Game Designer Sits on Maker Educator Plenary Panel

The 2018 national convening of Maker Ed featured a very special plenary panel, "Making as a Tool for Social Justice," including BBB teen game designer, Jerónimo Barrios Palacios-Luna (second from left in photo). Jerónimo is a two-time participant in BBB's summer internship at BLDG 61 and a BBB Teen Mentor. He is a talented maker who has created two amazing games for BBB - both of which feature content in English, Spanish and Braille. [Visit EdWeb.net](#) to hear Jerónimo on the panel and [visit our online Design Gallery](#) to learn more about his latest game.



## New Build a Better Book Website

[Buildabetterbook.org](http://Buildabetterbook.org) has a new look! Please visit our recently updated website to check out some new features, including an updated Resources page with guidelines for using Maker tools, creating projects and facilitating workshops. Explore the Design Gallery for project ideas and examples from Build a Better Book workshop participants, and download design files for projects that you'd like to reproduce at your own site.



## BBB Projects on Display at CU Boulder's Norlin Library

Tactile books created by students in the Pre-Collegiate summer program at CU Boulder are on display at Norlin Library. Stop by and visit the library's new area for Children's and Teen's literature (on the second floor) and explore the tactile display.



## Tech Student Association Partnership

Build a Better Book is thrilled to partner with Technology Student Association (TSA) in support of their middle school and high school competitions for the Children's Stories event. This year's Middle School theme is a Tactile STEM Book. The High School theme is a Multi-Modal Picture Book with tactile and auditory features that enrich the storybook experience for children who have a disability. For more information about the Children's Stories event or to find a chapter near you, [visit the TSA website](#).



## Summer Programs at Partner Sites

This summer, three new partner sites - Central Michigan University Center for Excellence in STEM Education, White Plains Public Library (NY), and Jefferson County Public Library (Golden, CO) - held Build a Better Book workshops, inviting teens to develop STEM skills and learn about universal design principles while creating tactile books and games. See examples of their final projects: [Central Michigan University](#) [White Plains Public Library](#)  
At BLDG 61 in Boulder, this year's teen interns focused on designing accessible board games.

Visit our [Design Gallery](#) to see some of their game designs, and [check out the InfoSys Foundation blog](#) to read a post about this year's summer program written by partner librarian, Janet Hollingsworth.

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