

# **BBB Projects and Partners**

#### **SPRING 2019**



## Welcome New Partner Sites!

Earlier this spring, eighteen new partner sites from across the U.S. participated in a two-day training in Boulder, Colo. The workshop was packed with presentations and hands-on activities focused on designing with empathy, elements of tactile design, and using STEM technologies to create more inclusive media. Find out if there is a **partner site** near you!



## Save the Date! Makey Makey Webinar

Members of the BBB team and network will be sharing how they've used Makey Makey to creatively make books and games come to life with sound and interactivity next week (May 14, 12 pm CT). Click here to register!





## **Partner Spotlight**

At the BBB training, Ian Matty from Mountain Lakes Public Library in New Jersey shared tips on using Makey Makey to create interactive projects inspired by books, from *A Very Hungry Caterpillar* to *Harry Potter*. He's also been experimenting with new tech such as **SpecDrums** and conductive paint. See what he's been up to on **Facebook** and tune in to our Makey Makey webinar on May 14!

## Seeing Through Touch

The **Museum of Boulder** has developed an innovative program partnering middle school students and visually impaired artists to create tactile and audio materials for interpreting museum exhibits for blind visitors. This year's projects focused on increasing access to the *Boulder Experience* exhibit.





#### STEM FOR ALL Video Showcase Save the Date! The STEM for All Video

**Showcase** is a free interactive week-long event highlighting cutting-edge NSF and federally funded K-12 STEM education projects - including the Build a Better Book project! Videos will be available May 13-20, 2019.

## New Resources on the BBB Website

There's new content on **Buildabetterbook.org** to help with raising awareness on accessibility, understanding visual impairments, and building empathy. Visit the Resources page for guidelines on using Maker tools, creating projects and facilitating workshops.



**Tech Student Association Partnership** Build a Better Book staff spent two days reviewing submissions for the Colorado **Tech Student Association** Children's Stories competition. This year's competition featured some amazing books on STEM topics designed for children with a disability. The National competition is coming up soon, June 28-30 in Washington DC!



## Making a Difference in the Makerspace

Five teen makers recently took time out of their spring break to help complete designs and fabricate books and games to send to families with visually impaired children. Check out the **Tactile Memory Game** they worked on with directions now available on Instructables!

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