



Friends of the Bellingham Public Library
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Dear Bellingham Library Supporter:

This year, the Bellingham Public Library was awarded a \$7500 federal grant under the Library Services & Technology Act that will enable collaboration with the Weston Observatory to bring an educational seismograph and other science and technology equipment and training to the Bellingham Public Library!

The grant program called **Shaking up STEM!**, will provide members of the community of all ages the opportunity to strengthen their knowledge of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Programming is scheduled to begin in January of 2014. Part of the grant requires the library to use local funds to support the equipment and activities of the grant. This is where you come in! We are asking for your help with supplemental funding to sponsor this unique program.

Sponsorships are available on three levels:



\$1000 Gold
\$ 500 Silver
\$ 250 Bronze

All sponsors will have their company names displayed in all promotional materials as well as on a plaque that will be permanently displayed in the library near the seismograph.

If you are unable to be a program sponsor, a donation in any amount would be appreciated!



Students using the educational seismograph.

For a four month period of the grant programming we will have a Boston College educational seismologist at the library one day a week to offer programming related to the seismograph and seismology. In addition to the seismograph and its accompanying computer, the library will be purchasing a 3D printer, tablet computers and other equipment to compliment programming and workshops on STEM topics. This grant will provide programming for four target audiences:



3D Printer

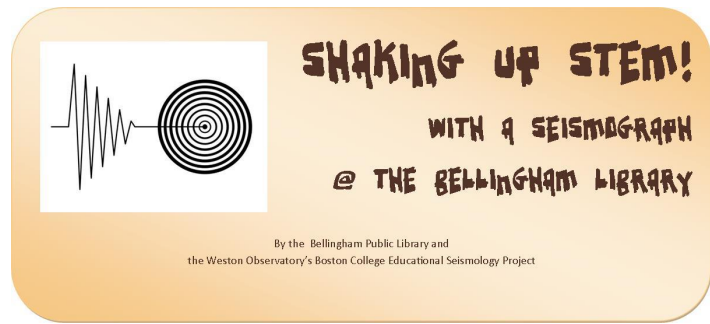
- **Public School Students** . The 8th grade earth science classes will be coming to the library for class as part of their earthquake curriculum.
- **Homeschooled Students** . The library has provided programming to a community of about 15 homeschooling families for the past 3 years.
- **Afterschool Student Programming** . The library will offer programming for all age groups in the afterschool hours.
- **Adults** . The library hopes to engage the entire community in participating in seismology related programs, through lectures and workshops.

Why the library? The Weston Observatory has educational seismographs in school classrooms too, but wants to expand the program to public libraries so that all members of the community can learn and participate in the programming. We will be the fourth library in the state to offer this unique programming to our community.

We would greatly appreciate your help. We thank you for considering our request. If you have any questions or need further information about the grant programming, please feel free to contact Bernadette Rivard, the Library Director at 508-966-1660, brivard@bellinghamma.org for details. **If you would like to sponsor at any of the levels listed above, or make a donation in any amount, please complete the attached form and return it to my attention at the address above.**

Sincerely,

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_____ Yes, we want to be a **Gold Level Sponsor** to support the Friends of the Bellingham Public Library's Shaking Up STEM! Fundraiser. **Donation \$1,000**

_____ Yes, we want to be a **Silver Level Sponsor** to support the Friends of the Bellingham Public Library's Shaking Up STEM! Fundraiser. **Donation \$500**

_____ Yes, we want to be a **Bronze Level Sponsor** to support the Friends of the Bellingham Public Library's Shaking Up STEM! Fundraiser. **Donation \$250**

_____ We are unable to be a level sponsor at this time but would like to make a donation in the following amount to assist in funding this project. **Donation \$_____ Other.**

Please make your checks payable to: The Friends of the Bellingham Public Library, and drop them off at or mail them to the library, 100 Blackstone Street, Bellingham, MA 02019.

The Friends of the Bellingham Public Library is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization and **donations are tax deductible.**

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Thank you for your support!

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*The Friends of the Library are an all volunteer organization founded in 1987, dedicated to supporting and promoting the Bellingham Public Library through fund raising, public relations and volunteer efforts. Our Mission is to stimulate the interest of the community in the services and needs of the Bellingham Public Library, to enrich the cultural life of the community, and to promote a program of assistance through volunteer help and fund raising that will enable the library to maintain pace with the growth of the town of Bellingham. **The Friends provide funding for museum and attraction passes, programming for children and adults, equipment and other needs of the library.***