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# Resource Kits and Book Club Sets

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# Resource Kits = Programming in a box

Resource kits are bundled tools and materials that enable libraries to provide new and exciting programming that engages with their community in new and interesting ways.



- Original kits by CSL plus NASA and CU
- Take a new activity or equipment for a test drive
- Facilitate community conversation/understanding of social issues
- Loaned for two months
- Sent to libraries, schools, other institutions via the CLiC courier

Kit website <https://cslkits.cvl/sites.org>

## Let's Talk About: Homelessness



## Let's Talk About: LGBTQ+



Create community dialog & generate public knowledge

Give libraries tools to raise community issues

Make difficult conversations easier to have





# Let's Learn and Play!

Baby & toddler storytime kits

Intro kits for staff/parents new to storytime or needing a refresher

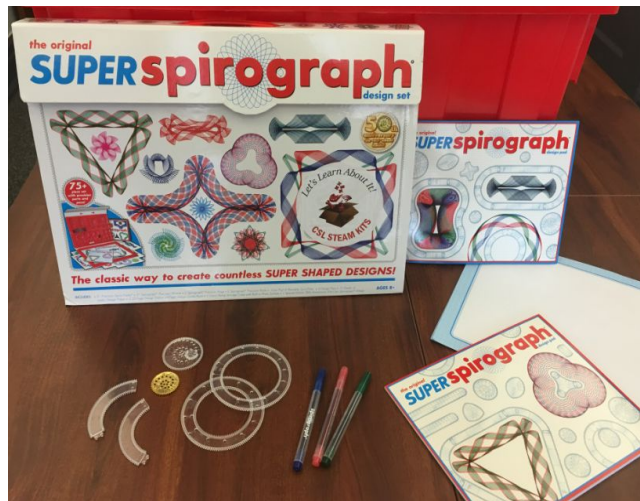
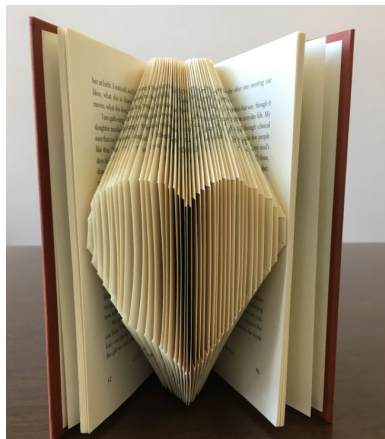
Focus on early literacy skills



# Let's Learn About It!

## STEAM kits:

- NASA @ My Library
- Archeology and fossil kits
- Egg drop kit
- Fractals kit
- Book folding kit
- Ukulele kit



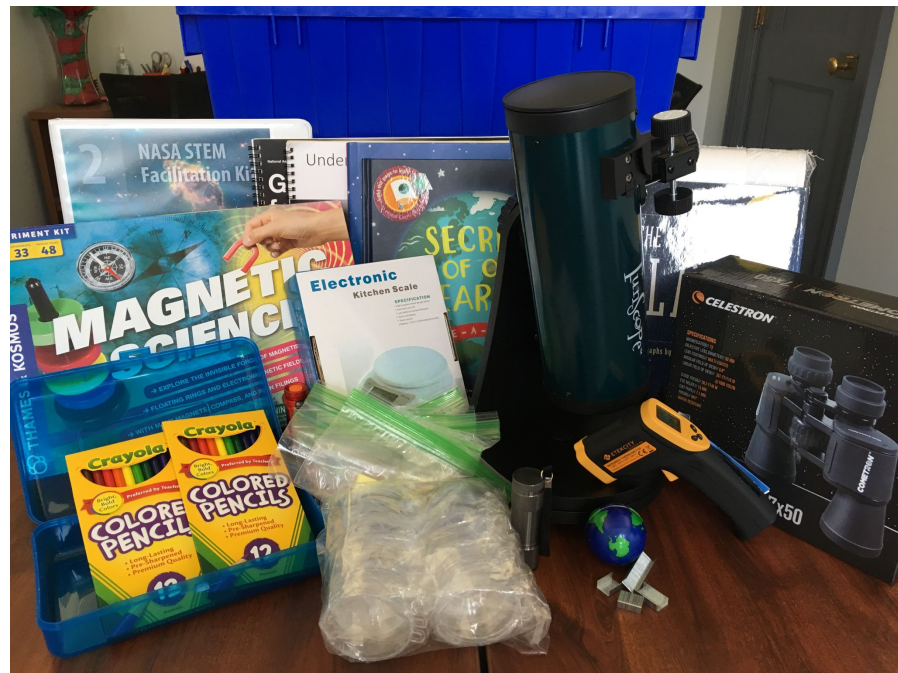


# NASA @ My Library

## Sun-Earth-Moon Connections Kit



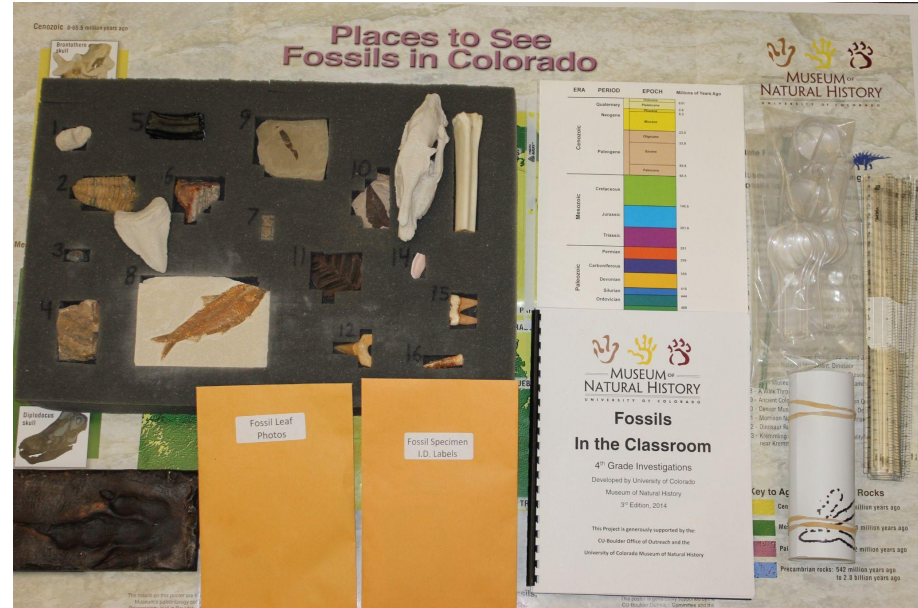
## Be A NASA Detective: Expanding Your Senses Kit



# Archaeology



# Fossils





# Egg Drop Experiment



# Book Folding



# Fractals



# Music



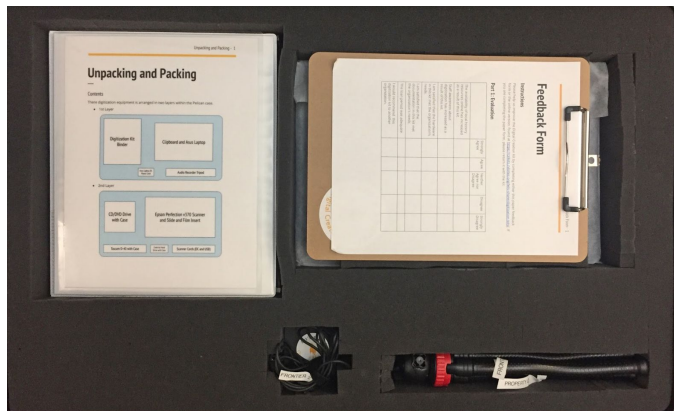


# Digital Creation Kit (AKA Frontier 1 & 2)

- Preservation through digital archive creation
- Make collections accessible
  - Digitization of physical items
  - Convert old media formats
- Test drive equipment
- Assists smaller institutions
  - Plains to Peaks Collective
  - Stories of Colorado



Let's Share!  
CSL DIGITAL CREATION KITS





# Storytelling Kit (AKA Bard Box 1 & 2)

- Oral history guide
- iPad & stand
- Microphone
- Question cards

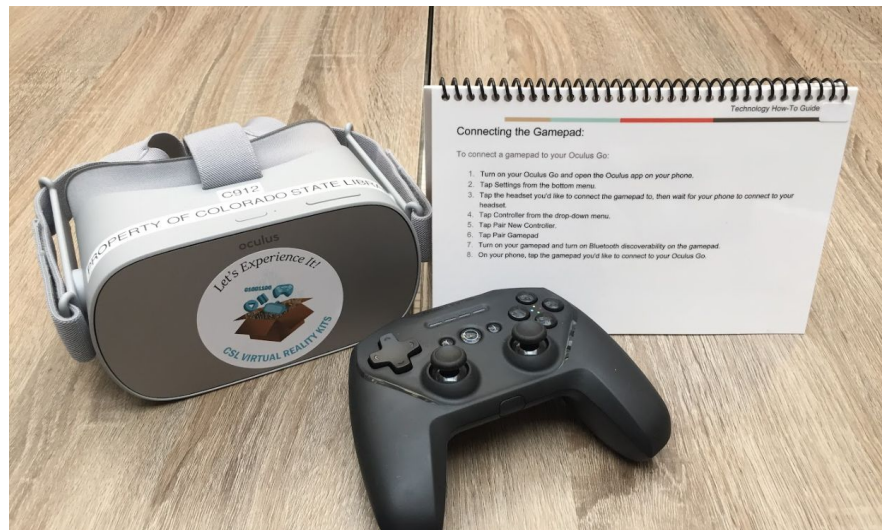
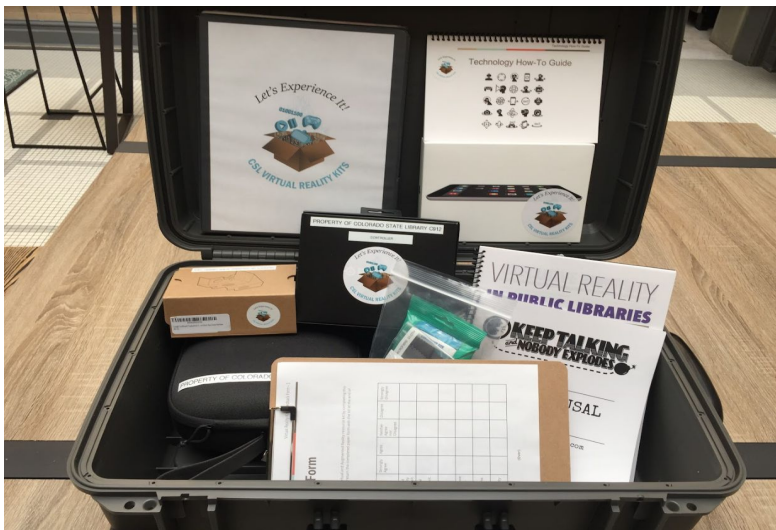


# Media Conversion Kits (AKA Alchemy Kits)

- Convert older formats to digital files
- Video - VHS, DVDs
- Audio - cassette, CDs
- Storage - 3" floppy, zip, writable CDs



# Let's Experience It! Virtual Reality Kit



- Oculus GO VR headset with preloaded games/apps
- iPad mini
- Guidance



# Upcoming kits!

- Reentry kit for formerly incarcerated individuals
- Hot chocolate kitchen math kit
- New VR kits
- Escape Room Adventure kits
- Climate crisis kit
- EDI kit
- And more!

# Colorado Book Club Resource = A book club in a bag

The BCR is a collection of almost 700 titles of both nonfiction and fiction works. Bags come with 8 copies of a book and conversation aides.



# Colorado Book Club Resource

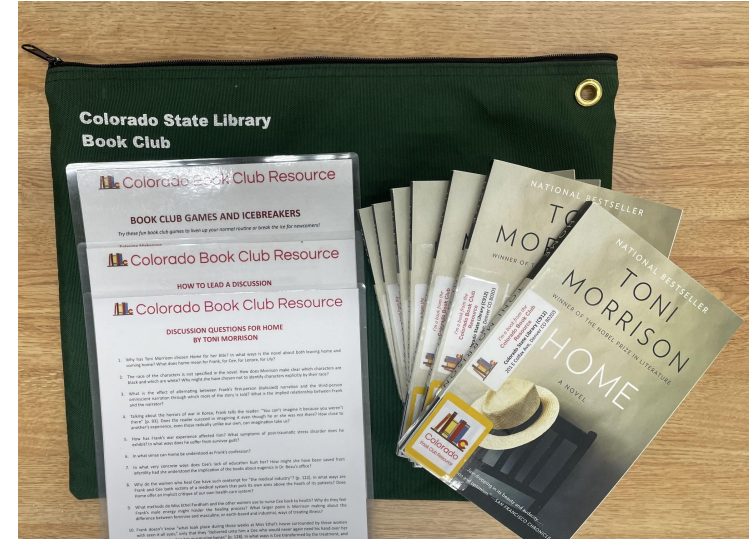
- Many popular genres
  - Mainly adult, some YA
- Loaned for two months
- Sent to libraries, schools, other institutions via the CLiC courier
- Any institution on the CLiC courier system can become a member at:

[www.coloradovirtuallibrary.org/resource-sharing/co-book-clubs/](http://www.coloradovirtuallibrary.org/resource-sharing/co-book-clubs/)



# What's in a book bag?

- Books
  - Most sets have 8 copies
- Discussion Materials
  - Icebreakers
  - Book club games
  - Tips on how to lead discussions
  - Discussion questions





# The Collection

- Growing all the time
- Book donations from libraries
- Thinking critically about the authors and titles represented in the collection
  - Diverse representation of material
  - CO authors
  - Spanish works
  - Frequently challenged/banned titles



ALA: “Library workers have a professional and ethical responsibility to be proactively inclusive in collection development [...]”

“Libraries have a responsibility to defend against challenges that limit a collection’s diversity of content.”

"Diverse Collections: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights", American Library Association, July 26, 2006.  
<http://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/librarybill/interpretations/diversecollections>  
(Accessed April 15, 2022)

# What makes for a good book club title?

- Reading something “meaty”?
- Reading something new or challenging?
- Book clubs offer a safe space for discussing polarizing issues
  - Empowerment
  - Reaching greater understanding

## Find out more

Go to <https://www.coloradovirtuallibrary.org/resource-sharing/co-book-clubs/> for more information about the Book Club Resource

Go to [csl.catalog.aspen.cat.info](https://csl.catalog.aspen.cat.info) to browse the BCR and resource kits collection

Find out about our kits at [cslkits.cvl-sites.org](https://cslkits.cvl-sites.org)

# THANKS!

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