Coding Made Easy

Computer code sounds like it would be hard to write. But it all starts with a basic understanding of how all electronics handle instructions. And with so
much of the economy and so many jobs revolving around technology, it's never been a better time to have children learn about the basics of coding to get a head start. That's why we've made Coding Kits with the help of some generous grant from Stewart's Shops. The coding kits are designed to make learning how to code fun and easy.

Coding Kits

Let Her Dream Big

Our Empowering Girls Kits are focused on inspiring young girls to explore careers and hobbies that they might have thought out of reach. And thanks to the
Kiwanis Club of Plattsburgh, we've been able to expand the collection even further. We've added *Save Our World*, a kit focused on careers, climate change, and conservation; *Code and Create*, revolving around careers and hobbies in technology and gaming; *Build a Better Future*, a kit about construction and engineering; and *Find Your Inner Hero*, highlighting female role models both real and fictional.

**Empowering Girls Kits**

**Let's Make Music**

Making music doesn't have to be hard. Thanks to a grant offered by Stewart's Shops, we've added new kits that let anyone dip their toes into making music. The *Blipblox synthesizer* lets you play around with sounds and frequencies without any formal music training. And the *Specdrums* lets you don rings and turns anything you touch into a drum kit.
Let's Play

Life's not all fun and games. But we can help with that. We've started adding a new kind of kit to the catalog that's all about fun and games. Animal Trivia Challenge and Hedbanz are just the start of the new items available in the catalog.

Read and Watch

The Book Club in a Bag kits have been a popular offering for a while now. And why wouldn't they be? They offer 12 copies of a single title with laminated sheets of discussion questions all designed to make it easy to set up a book club group. But why stop there? Thanks to a grant from the Lake Placid Education Foundation, we've added a few new titles to the mix, this time including the movie that's based on the book. To name a few, we've added Just Mercy, Freaky Friday, Olive Kitteridge, and Five Feet Apart. If you take a look at the full list of Book Club in a Bag kits, you'll find they've branched out to middle school readers, as well.
Welcome to the Family

Some fresh new faces have arrived at a couple of the libraries in the system! So we just wanted to take a moment to introduce and welcome Lydia Miner, the new director at Dannemora Free Library and Anne Paulson, the new director at Rouses Point Dodge Memorial Library.

Digital Collection Together at Last

You may have seen the news that RBdigital – the home of the largest portion of our downloadable audiobooks – was merging with OverDrive – the home of the largest portion of our e-books. As of August 17th, the two catalogs have combined into one collection. Now all ebooks and e-audiobooks can be found on the Libby or OverDrive app for Android, iOS, and Kindle Fire.

“Change the way you look at things and the things you look at change.”
Share Something

Don't be shy! The Pathfinder is meant to share useful information across member libraries in a timely and condensed manner, but doesn't replace the Trailblazer, which is meant to share stories from around the System. Do you have something to contribute to the Pathfinder? Contact David Fuller and it could be in our next issue.