



Episode 6, “Tips for Choosing STEAM Toys”

Role of Toys and Hands on Learning

- [Article from the New School of Architecture about the benefits of hands-on learning.](#)

Information on STEAM

- Want to know what exactly STEAM education is?
[Read this article](#) from the Institute for Arts Integration and STEAM
- Common Sense Media lists some interesting TED Talks for educators and others interested in STEAM.
[Check out the details and watch!](#)
- [Check out some more Ted Talks about STEAM learning!](#)
- [This article](#) from the Space Foundation details why STEAM education is important!
- American University's article comparing [the difference between STEAM and STEM education.](#)

Finding STEAM Toys

- [Check out these five tips for finding STEAM toys](#) from the Genius of Play website.
- Want to see the best toys in all categories? [Check out the Toy Awards website.](#)
- Many STEAM toys that we have at the Library can also be found here, [check out what they have!](#)
- [The Genius of Play's STEAM Playbook!](#) A collection of play ideas and ready-to-use activities to help you spark a child's interest in STEAM using common materials you can easily find around the house.
- Penn State's [tips and tricks for finding toys children like.](#)

STEAM at the Patchogue-Medford Library

- [Check out our STEAM programming](#) with Miss Elizabeth on the PML events calendar.
(Select “Event Type” STEM/STEAM)

Try before you buy!

You can now borrow STEAM toys from the Children's Department as part of our **Tinker Lab To Go** collection.

Click the links below to reserve today.

[Keva Color Planks](#)

[Strawbees](#)

[Playstix](#)

[Spiral Art](#)

[Roller Coaster Challenge](#)

[Marble Run](#)

[K'Nex](#)

[Magna Tiles](#)

[Ultimate Fort Builder](#)

[Planetarium Projector](#)

And don't forget to stop into the Children's Department with your child to learn, create and play at our STEAM focused Tinker Lab!

