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STEM Academy @ Bartlett Library Learning Commons

Located in Savannah, Georgia, the STEM Academy @ Bartlett Library Learning Commons’ mission is "to ignite a passion for learning and teaching at high levels."

The STEM Library Learning Commons (STEM LLC) is a makerspace, a classroom, an information-gathering space, hang-out, and lab. The stakeholders at The STEM Academy @ Bartlett demand learning and collaboration at high levels and the learning commons reflect that environment of success and 21st century learning.

The library serves nearly 700 students and approximately 70 staff members. The school offers a 1:1 iPad initiative that is managed through the STEM LLC, along with a physical print library. A growing makerspace is also available for students to create and explore. Students have used this open space to design custom birthday gifts for parents, 3D print science fair models, and create projects just because they were curious.

The STEM LLC collaborates with classrooms and offers lessons on research, coding, and makerspace resources. Each month a different theme encourages student circulation with contests and activities. Students are provided with resources, lessons, and the physical space necessary to blossom into life-long creators and learners at the STEM LLC. There are many other programs offered, such as Georgia Student Media Festival, Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl, and the STEM LLC Giving Tree through the learning commons.

To learn more, please visit stem.sccpss.com and follow @MediaCenterSTEM on Twitter to keep up with the STEM LLC.