



# Cobb County Public Library System

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Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_{name}\_\_\_\_. I am the \_\_{job title}\_\_\_\_ for the Cobb County Public Library System.

For the past three summers, we have offered a STEM program for middle and high school girls called GEMS (Girls in Engineering, Math, and Science). GEMS offers girls a welcoming and encouraging environment in which to meet influential women in STEM careers, learn more about STEM opportunities, and get their hands on STEM technologies. We aim to change knowledge, attitudes, and beliefs about women in STEM fields and support girls in their STEM curiosity.

The program has been a success. In 2014, we debuted GEMS at one library location with registration open to 40 girls. We have since expanded GEMS to five libraries with registration open to 125 girls.

But we cannot make GEMS a success on our own. Currently we are looking for women in STEM careers who would be interested in being a guest speaker at a GEMS participating library. Guest speakers are asked to prepare a talk about their field and/or career with a small hands-on activity that will last about 40 minutes followed by 15 minutes of questions and answers.

GEMS will run for four weeks in June. Days vary by library location but all locations will offer the program at 3:00 pm. Please let me know if you would be interested in being a guest speaker or if you have any questions; and if you have friends or colleagues who are women in a STEM field, please let them know about our program. We are very excited to continue this program and hope that you will be interested in being a part of it!

Thank you for your time, and I hope to hear from you soon!