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**4-H STEM Kits Provide Alternative to Online Overload  
Monroe County 4-H distributes STEM Kits to Rochester youth**

With many youth spending a large portion of their days on Zoom, the 4-H team has been brainstorming alternative ways to engage youth in fun educational activities. With support from the Central Library of Rochester and Monroe County, 4-H was able to put together 28 STEM Kits for distribution to youth throughout the City of Rochester.

Throughout this time of virtual learning accessibility has been a big concern. Virtual learning is not always an option. Thus, the goal of the STEM kits is to supply youth with activities that can be completed independently and on their own time.

Each kit is packed with a book, three activities related to the book, and activity guides to foster independent completion. For this particular kit, youth received the picture book edition of "The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind", two STEM activities, and an inquiry journal based on the book.

A community partner expressed that youth "were so excited to do the activities inside!"

The Monroe County 4-H Program is offered through Cornell Cooperative Extension to the youth of Monroe County. 4-H is a worldwide youth development program open to all youth aged 5 to 19, who want to have fun, learn new skills, and explore the world. In return, youth who participate in 4-H find a supportive environment and opportunities for hands-on or "experiential" learning about things that interest them.

Learn more at <http://monroe.cce.cornell.edu/4-h-youth-development>



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