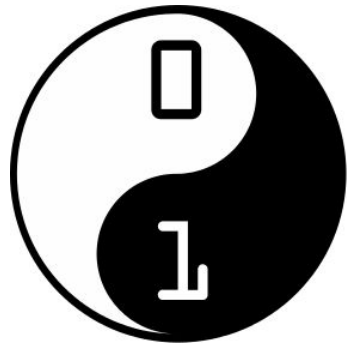


Building a community with



CoderDojo

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Getting Started with Coder Dojo at the Calgary Public Library

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Who will write all of
our code?

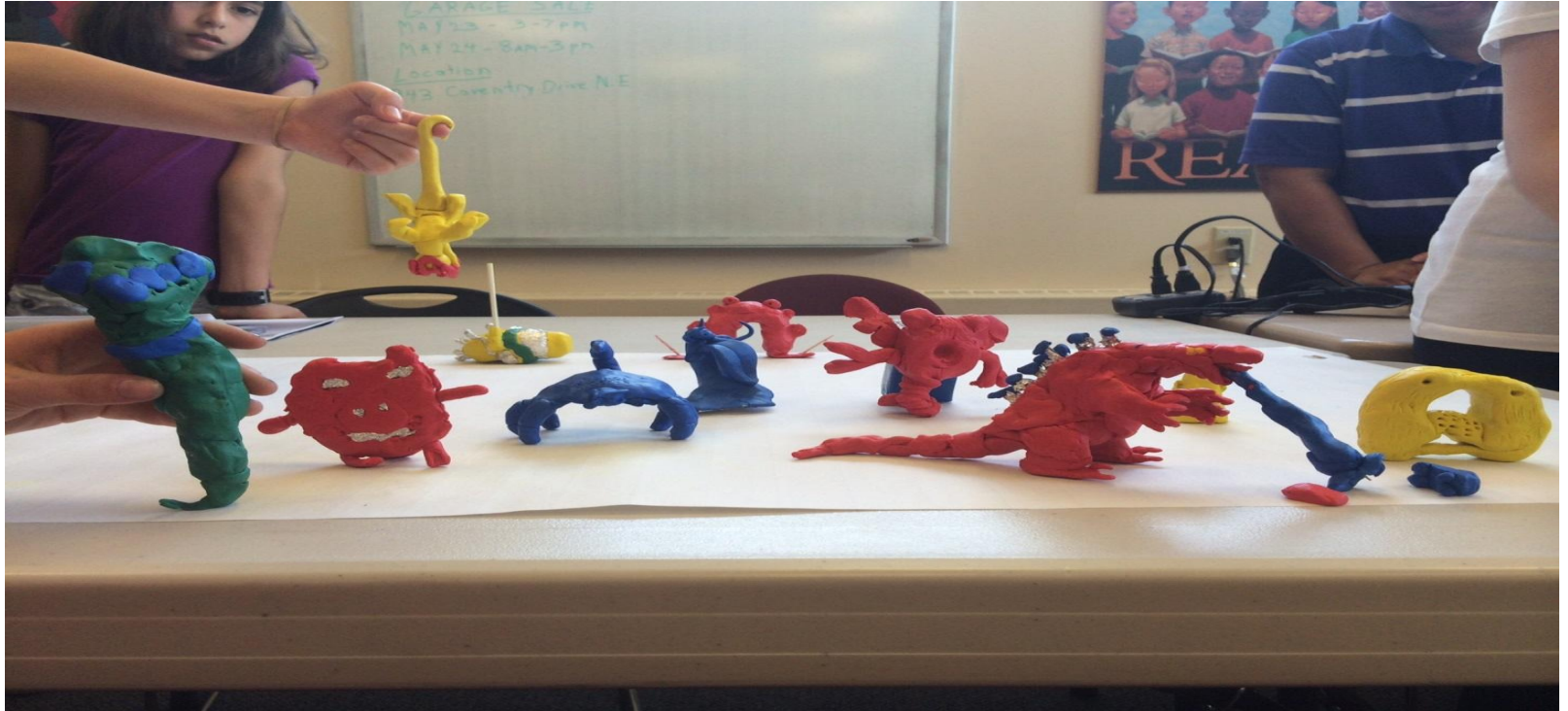
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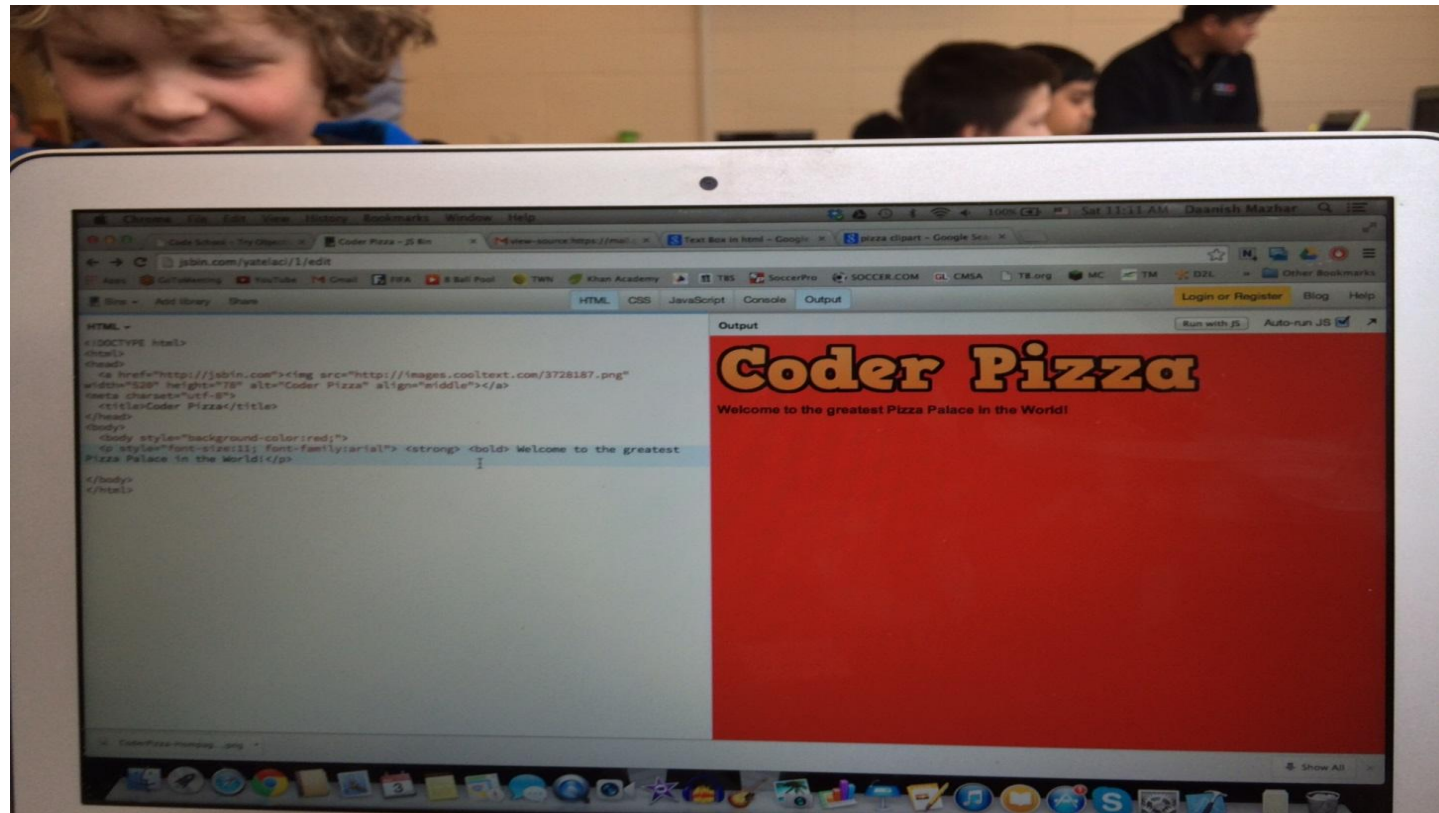




We have the
expertise and
connections

What Program Model?





Our Purpose and Goals

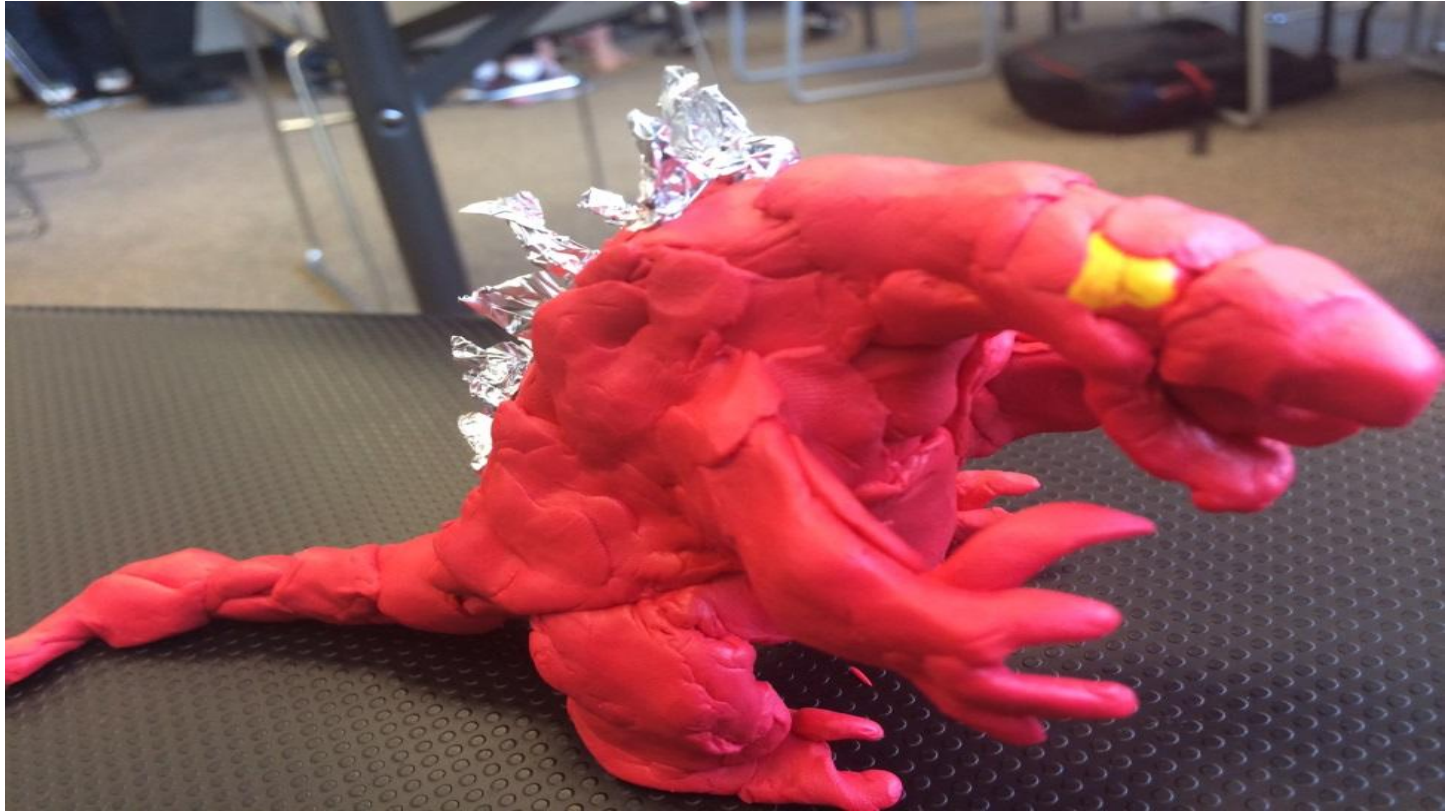
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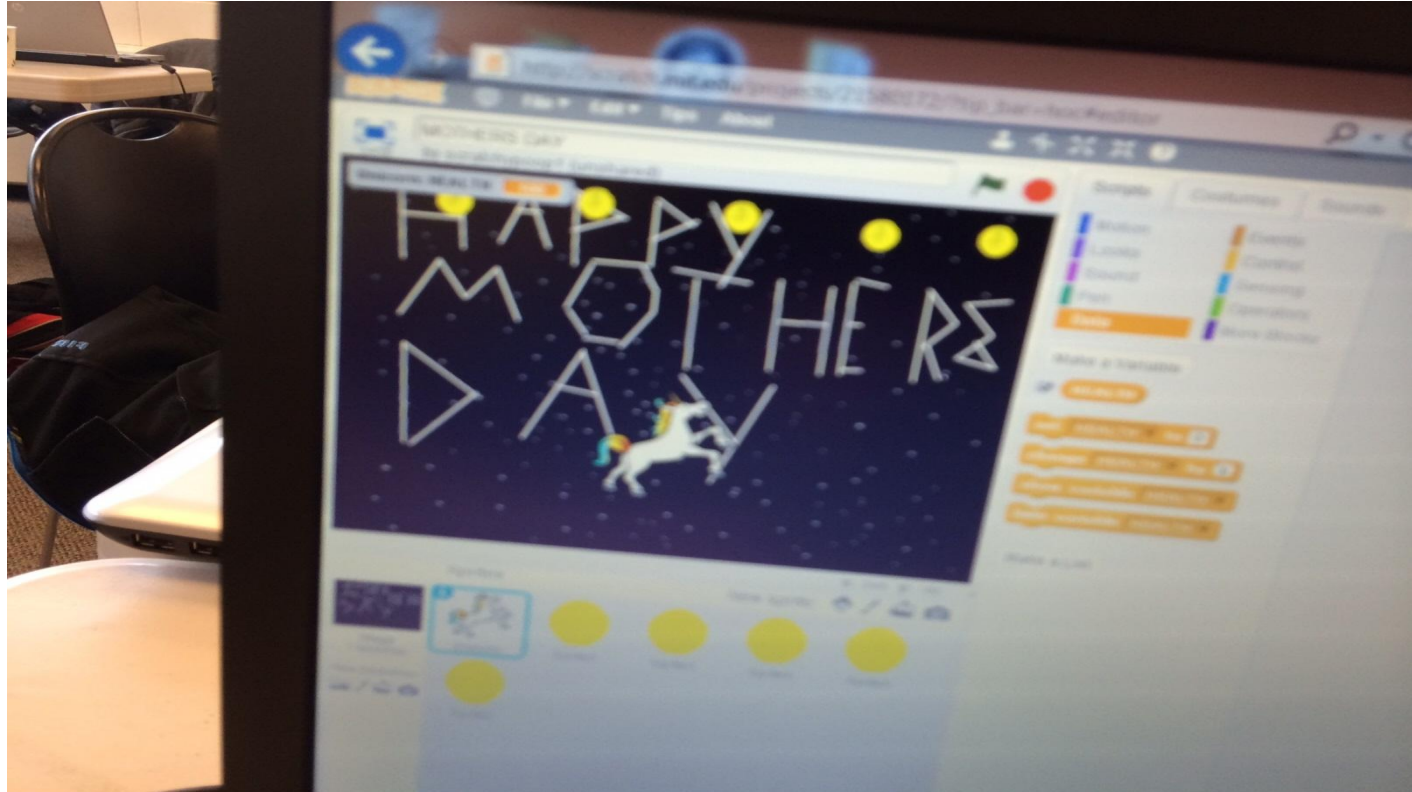


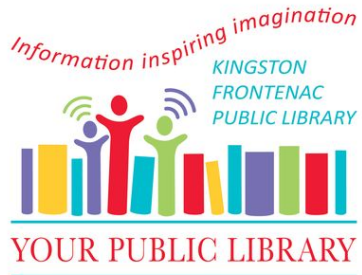
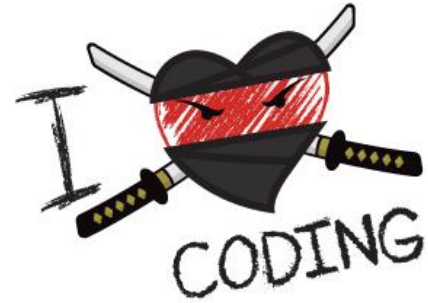
Our Experience
to Date

Always Working in Beta



Thank You





Kingston Frontenac Public Library

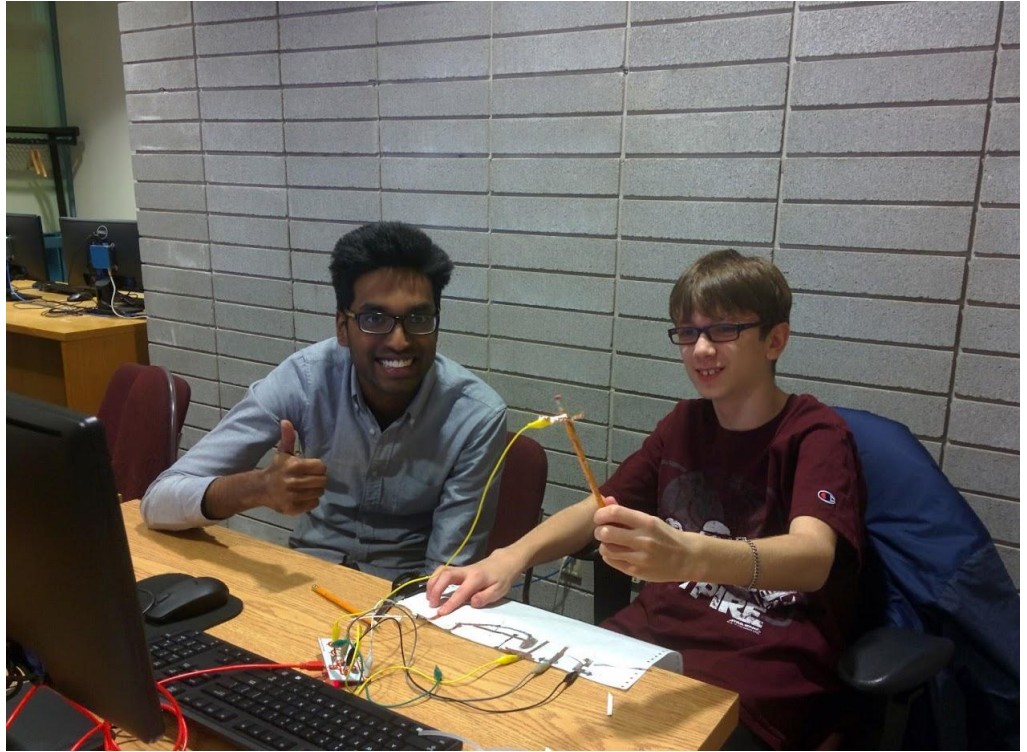
WHY CODERDOJO AT KFPL?

- Mission & vision
- Digital literacy & the Maker Movement
- Unique need in the community
- New position of Teen & New Adult Librarian
- Access to mentors



MAKING IT HAPPEN

- Space
- Staff
- Tech
- Program design - co-learning model
- Volunteers
- Get the word out



WEB PRESENCE

Online Resources and Tutorials

Scratch (beginner)

Codecademy (intermediate)

Mozilla Webmaker (intermediate)

Lynda.com (intermediate to advanced)

Where to learn more

Safari Online Books

Stackoverflow

Web-based Tools

Mozilla Thimble (beginner)

Codepen (advanced)

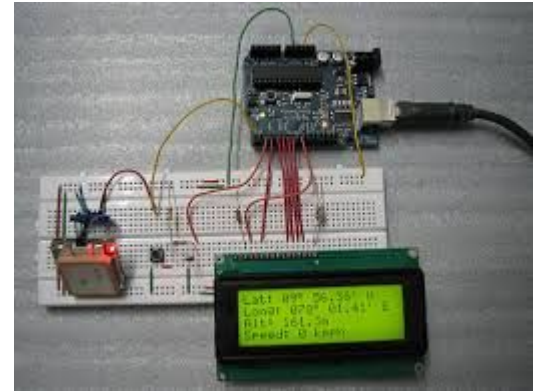
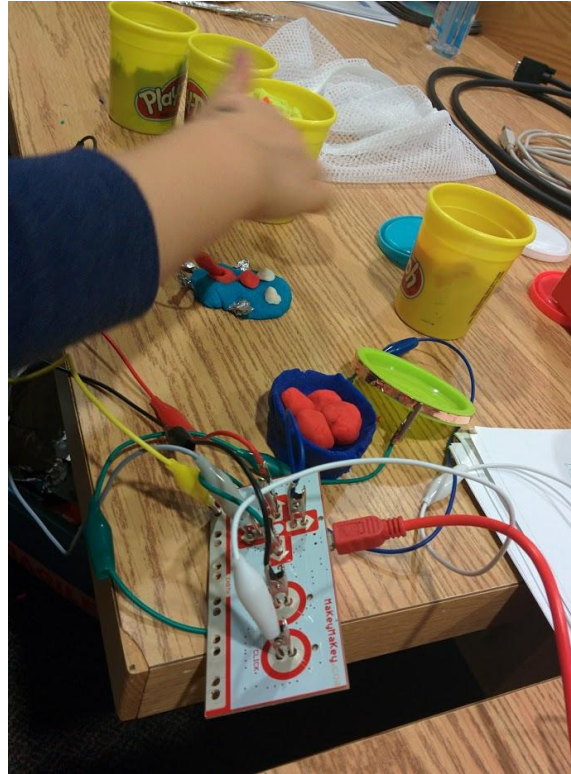
jsfiddle (advanced)

Open-Source (Free!) Code Editors

Sublime Text

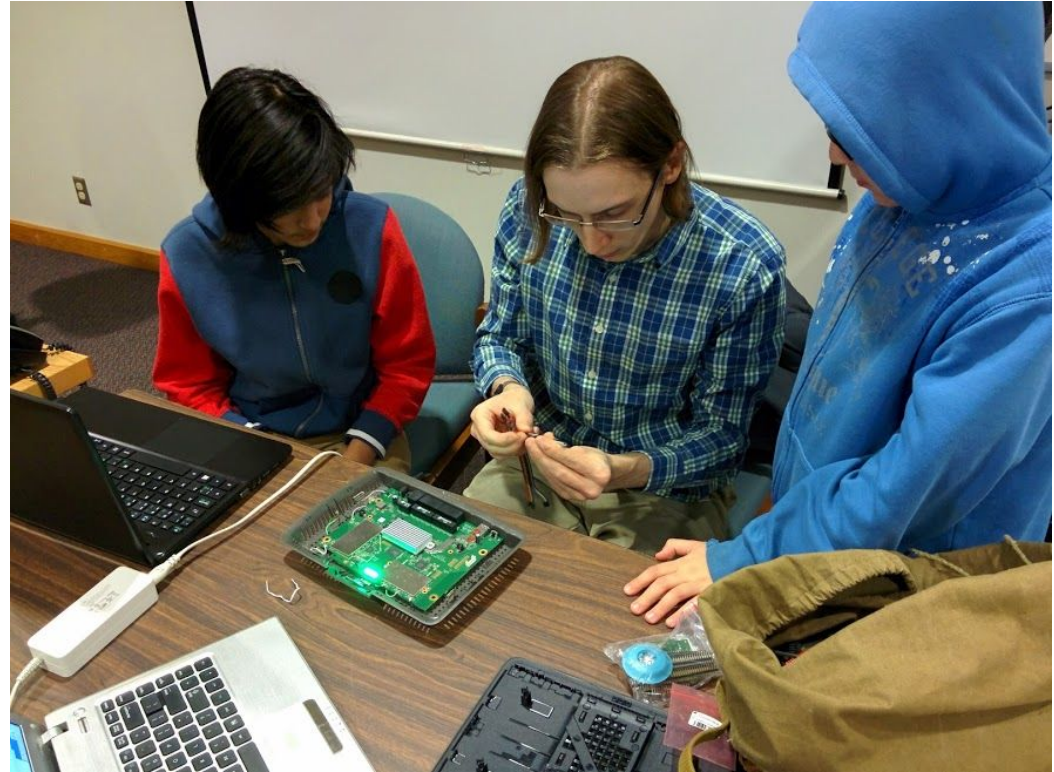
Notepad++

ADD-ONS



THE PARTICIPANTS

- provides an opportunity for interested children and youth to learn about programming in a safe and welcoming environment
- one on one time with a mentor
- digital literacy - skills they need to thrive in today's tech-driven culture
- fills a need in the community - not many similar opportunities in Kingston



THE MENTORS

- Leadership opportunities - teaching & training
- Community of coders
- Connects new adults to the library
- Connects students to the Kingston community



BIGGEST CHALLENGES

- Wi-Fi
- Access to computers & tech
- Staff training
- Capacity
- Volunteer and participant commitment

LET'S CONNECT!

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MARKHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY



CoderDojo

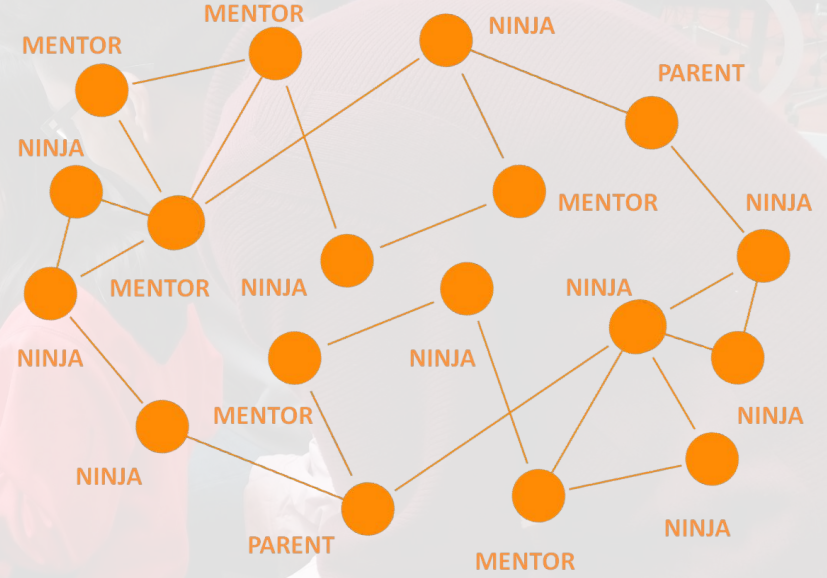
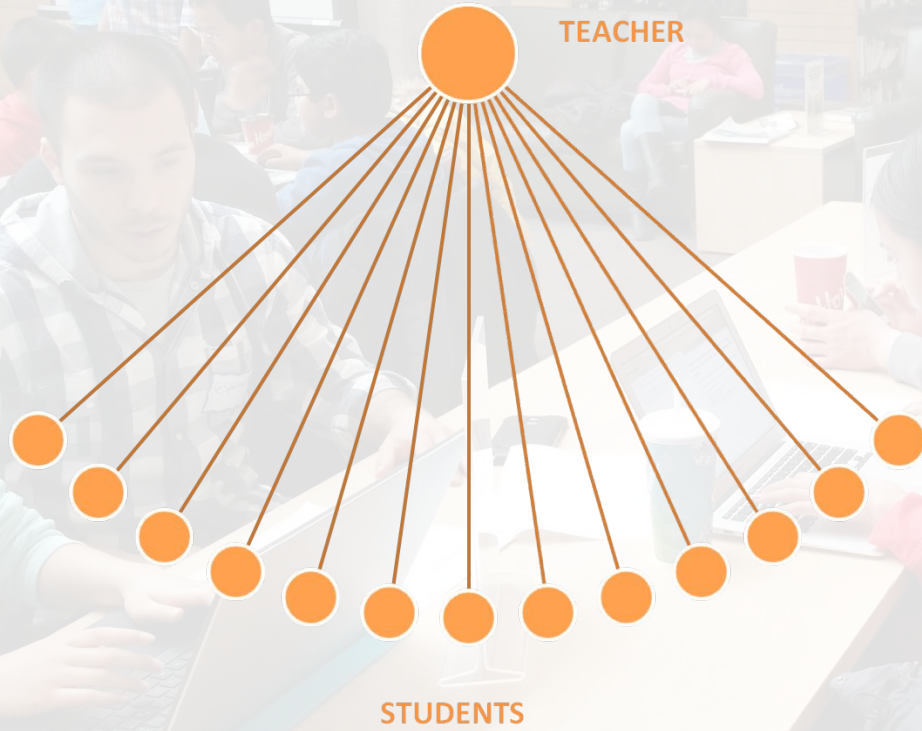
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Within the CoderDojo movement,
there is **focus on community**,
peer learning, youth mentoring
and self-led learning.

TRADITIONAL LEARNING VS CODERDOJO MEETUPS





675+

registered CoderDojos in the world

57

countries

12

registered CoderDojos in Canada



THE JOURNEY

DEC. 2014

Got in touch with
CoderDojo Toronto

JAN. 2015

Mentor & Volunteer
recruitment

NOV. 2014

It started with a
tweet 

JAN. 2015

Connected with
CoderDojo Calgary/Kingston

FEB. 2015

Our first meetup!

A background image showing several people in a meeting room. One person in the foreground is wearing a green hard hat and a blue safety vest. They appear to be in a professional or industrial setting, possibly a control room or office, with computer monitors and windows visible.

HOW WE MADE IT WORK & MEETUP LOGISTICS

Monthly Meetups

we met once a month, with a break in July/Aug. & Dec.

Registration

meetups were free, but registration was required

Meetup Duration

our meetups were 2 hours long

BYOD

participants brought their own devices (laptops)



WHO WE WORKED WITH &
WHAT WE LEARNED

Our Friends

Logics Academy, IBM, Microsoft, Mimetics Canada, SparkED, YLab

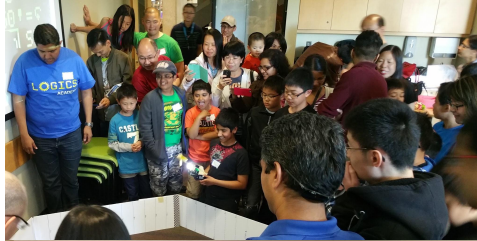
What We Learned

Scratch, Touch Develop, HTML, CSS, Python, PostScript, Raspberry Pi

Places We Went

IBM Canada, TAVES Consumer Electronics Show

CODERDOJO MARKHAM ENERGY



WHAT THE COMMUNITY THOUGHT ABOUT IT



Canadian Cheapo

My daughter and I had gone to the first Markham **Coder Dojo** event back in February, when we were introduced to Game Design in Scratch. These are events for children, but those under the age of 12 require an adult to supervise them so I seize the chance to learn as well. When else would I have the time to do it? Not to mention, combining technology, learning and spending quality time with my kids make this a win-win situation all the way around.



Sarah Naqvi
@naqsar

Follow

Intro to web dev! Lots of pumped kids on a Sat afternoon, thank you [@mrgweedz](#) [@sparkedGTA](#) [@MarkhamCoders](#) [@Libraraga](#)



Lucas Chang
@Lucas_Chang

Follow

Building an [#AngryBirds](#) website at [@MarkhamCoders](#), led by [@sparkedGTA](#) [@markhamlibrary](#)



Startup York Region
@StartupYork

Follow

These volunteers made [#CoderDojoMarkham](#) awesome: [@MarkhamLibrary](#) [@MarkhamCoders](#) [@thisduck](#) [@LOGICSAcademy](#) [@sparkedGTA](#)



RETWEETS
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LIKES
5





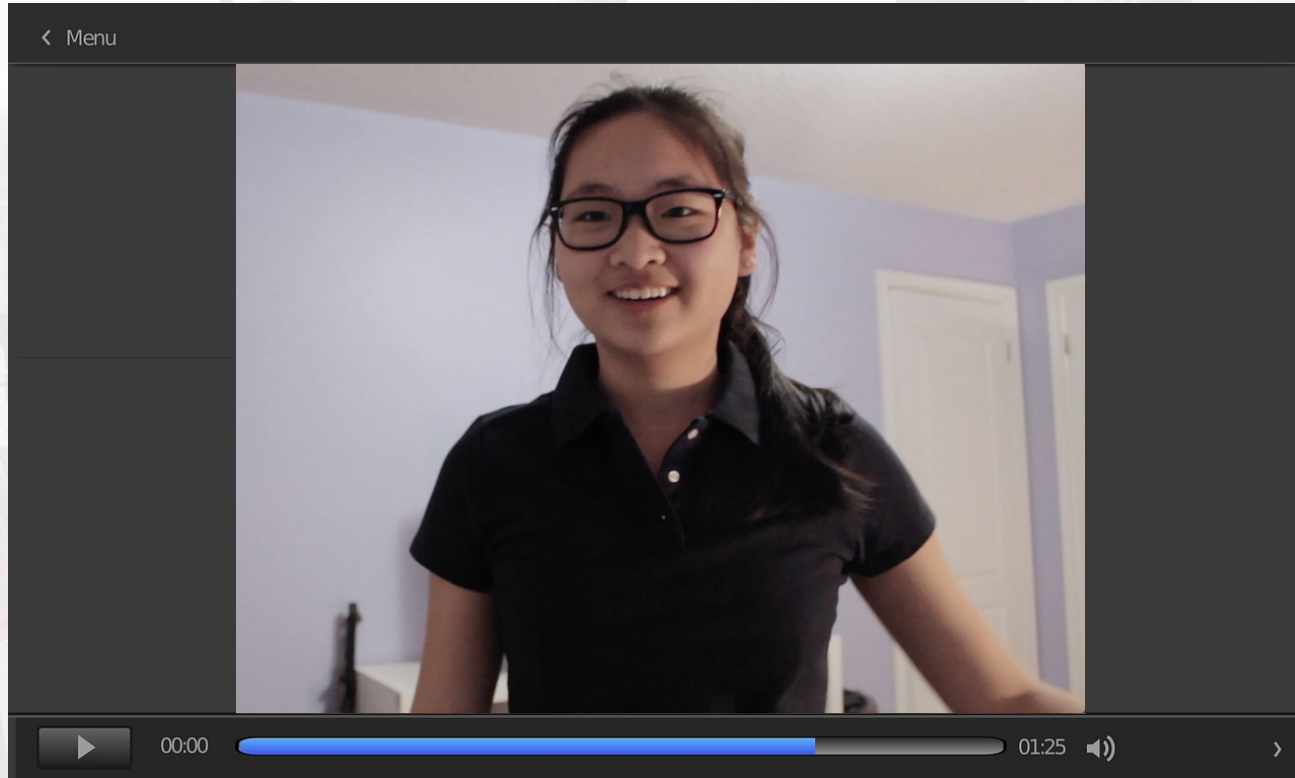
TO ALL THE ORGANIZERS
AND HELPERS:

THANK YOU VERY MUCH
FOR PROVIDING SUCH A
GOOD CHANCE FOR THE
CHILDREN TO LEARN
SOMETHING ADVANCED

I loved this coding
class because there
are so many interesting
things to learn and
so many new games to
try. Best of all I got
to try new and exciting
things that I never knew.
Thank you to everyone
who helped me.

I really liked it
because the best
way to make a
child happy is to
teach them while
playing a game
with them.

WHAT OUR VOLUNTEERS THOUGHT ABOUT CODERDOJO MARKHAM



THE GOOD, THE BAD, & THE
UGLY & LESSONS LEARNED



THE GREAT

Community's
interest exceeded
our expectations



THE GOOD

Developed a
network of Mentors
& Volunteers who
consistently
supported meetups



THE GOOD

Changing
community and staff
perceptions of
library
programming



THE BAD

Never enough space,
and lack of
continuity



THE BAD

Wifi



THE UGLY

Have realistic
expectations -
miracles are highly
unlikely

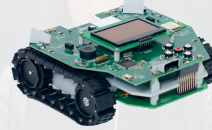
BEYOND CODERDOJO
MARKHAM



SCRATCH DAY

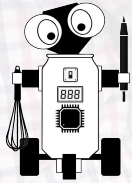
A global event celebrating coding. MIT initiative.

May 14, 2016



AFTERNOONS WITH ROBOTS

Collaboration with Mimetics Canada. Coding and robotics.



MY ROBOT ATE MY CANDY

Robot design and coding program, facilitated by the Get Your Bot On team. Raspberry Pi.



HOUR OF CODE

Annual coding event, taking place in December.

THANKS!

LET'S CONNECT!

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<coding>*without a Dojo*</>



<Jen Gal>Manager, Digital Technology Services</>

<why?>

- < Wanted a **staff led approach** that is not dependent on volunteers
- < Needed a **scalable** and **informal** model
- < Needed a program that could be offered by library staff of **all skill levels**

<how?>



<how?>

- < Staff led [Intro to Coding](#) classes based on [Code.org](#) tutorials
- < Ages 8-12
- < One 90 minute session
- < Limit of 8 participants
- < Desktops, laptops or iPads



<benefits>

- < [Code.org](https://code.org) tutorials provide easy entry for staff and **don't require expertise** to facilitate
- < Classes **demystify** coding for participants **and staff**
- < Tutorials are **game based** and engaging for young coders



<familiar faces>



Star Wars: Building a Galaxy with Code

Learn to program droids, and create your own Star Wars game in a galaxy far, far away. (Ages 6-106)

Teacher's Notes

<https://hourofcode.com/star>

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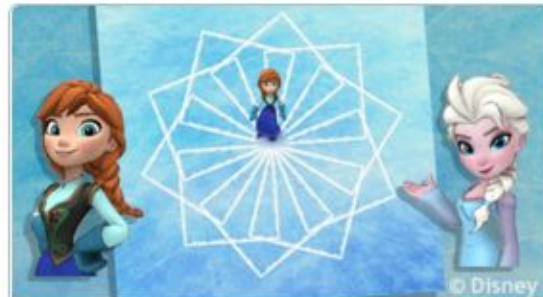
Minecraft Hour of Code

Use blocks of code to take Steve or Alex on an adventure through this Minecraft world. (Ages 6-106)

Teacher's Notes

<https://hourofcode.com/mc>

Go



Code with Anna and Elsa

Let's use code to join Anna and Elsa as they explore the magic and beauty of ice. (Ages 8-108)

Teacher's Notes

<https://hourofcode.com/frzn>

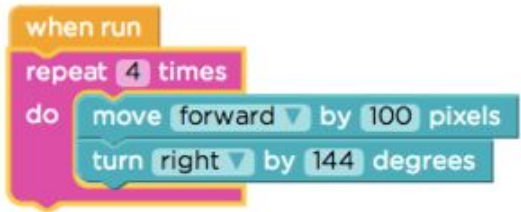
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<blocks>



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- < Users are introduced to the **basics concepts** of programming using **drag and drop** coding
- < Tutorials use blocks instead of text to **generate code**



```
for (var count = 0; count < 4; count++) {  
  moveForward(100);  
  turnRight(144);  
}
```

<ages 6+>



STUDIO

Star Wars: Building a Galaxy With Code



I've finished my Hour of Code

Sign in



Blocks

Workspace:

Start Over

Show Code

move up

move down

move left

move right

when run
move right

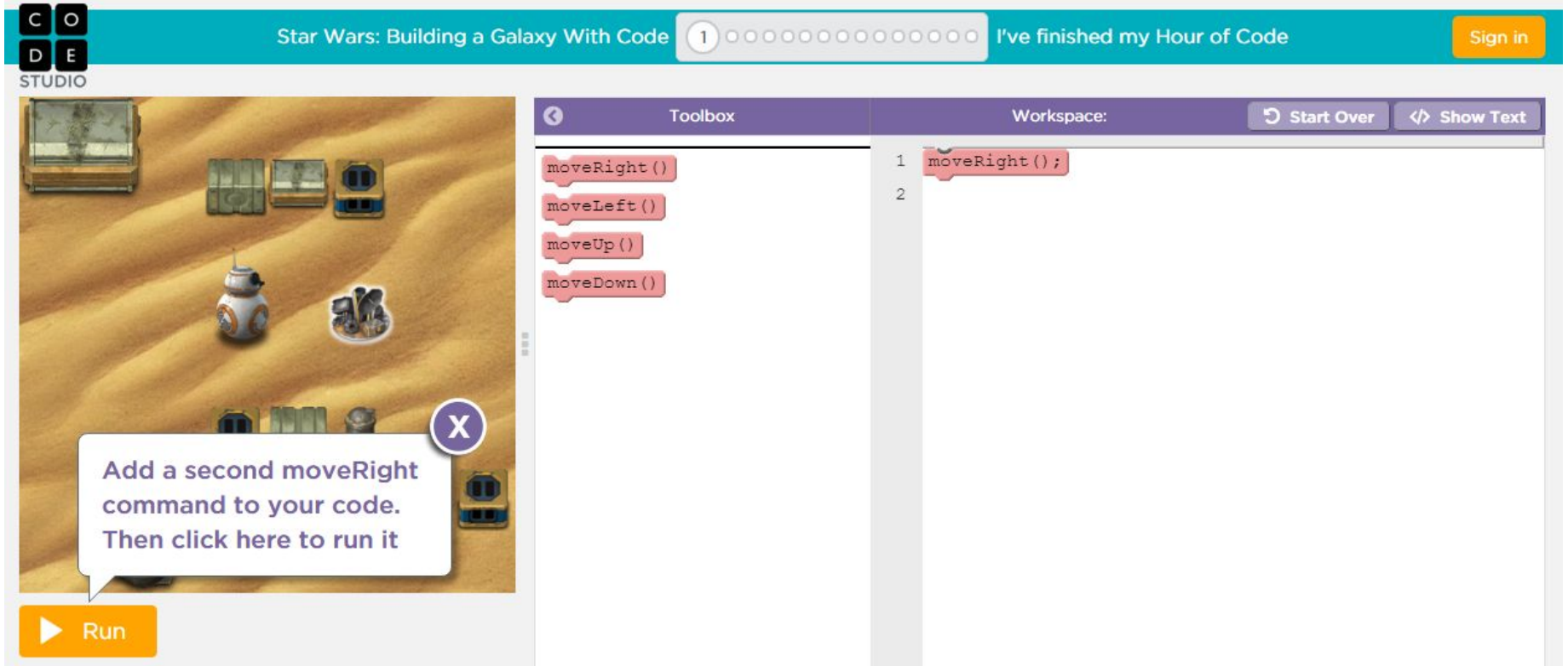


Run

<ages 11+>

C O
D E
STUDIO

Star Wars: Building a Galaxy With Code 1 ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ I've finished my Hour of Code Sign in



The image shows the Hour of Code workspace for the Star Wars challenge. On the left is a 3D scene with BB-8 and a droid on a desert planet. A speech bubble says: "Add a second moveRight command to your code. Then click here to run it". Below the scene is a "Run" button. On the right is a code editor with a "Toolbox" containing "moveRight()", "moveLeft()", "moveUp()", and "moveDown()" blocks. The "Workspace" shows two lines of code: "1 moveRight();" and "2".

Toolbox

- moveRight()
- moveLeft()
- moveUp()
- moveDown()

Workspace:

```
1 moveRight();  
2
```

Start Over Show Text

Run

<beyond the hour>

20 hour courses for
Computer Science Fundamentals (all ages)



Course 1

Start with Course 1 for early readers.

Ages 4-6

[Try now](#)



Course 2

Start with Course 2 for students who can read.

Ages 6-18

[Try now](#)



Course 3

Course 3 is a follow-up to Course 2.

Ages 8-18

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Course 4

beta

Students taking Course 4 should have already taken Courses 2 and 3.

Ages 10-18

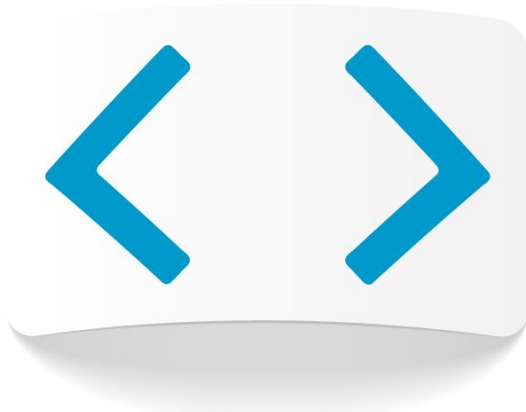
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< [Happy Maps](#) -
programming with paper



1 Happy Map 1 C O
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A 2x2 grid with an apple in the top-right cell and a character in the bottom-left cell.

Which way should the Flurb step to get to the fruit?

Four arrows pointing up, down, left, and right.

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2 Happy Map 2 C O
D E

A 2x2 grid with a character in the top-right cell and a fruit in the bottom-right cell.

Which way should the Flurb step to get to the fruit?

Four arrows pointing up, down, left, and right.

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< Move it, Move it -
programming with people



1 Move It Map 1 C O
D E

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2 Move It Map 2 C O
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< Plant a Seed - programming with pictures



Name: _____ Date: _____



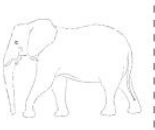





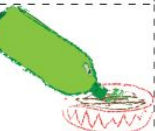
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Real-Life Algorithms
Plant a Seed Worksheet

C O
D E

You can use algorithms to help describe things that people do every day. In this activity, we will create an algorithm to help each other plant a seed.

Cut out the steps of planting a seed below, then work together to glue the six the correct steps, in order, onto a separate piece of paper. Trade your finished algorithm with another person or group and let them use it to plant their seed!

 PUT POT IN SUNLIGHT	 PUT SEED IN HOLE	 HUG AN ELEPHANT
 PUT GLUE ON SEED	 FILL POT WITH SOIL	 POKE HOLE IN SOIL
 WATER POT	 COVER SEED WITH SOIL	 POUR SODA POP IN POT

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