



A new normal begins

It's wonderful to hear that so many of our library and community colleagues are starting a return to face-to-face programming, albeit with some new-normal policies in place. Take a look at our updated guide for *Little Bang Discovery Club* minimising moving around and the sharing of materials. We have also listed our suggestions for *Big Bang Science Workshops* most suited to easing our return to in-person workshops.

#littlebangdiscoveryclub #learningthroughplay @childrensdiscovery

Help us share the impact of your STEM in the community. When you post images and videos on your social media, please tag them using the hashtags and mentions above.

Our curated [Spark! STEM](#) boxes keep the excitement of discovery going at home. There are now 28 boxes in total, each with a designed guide. There's space to add further items from your own collection to create a borrowing set unique to your service.

Our [catalogue](#) contains all items and we're happy to advise.

Little Bang is all about!



The good news is, *Little Bang Discovery Club* is already largely compliant with new hygiene policies, and with a few light tweaks it can be confidently offered face-to-face once again. For starters, the loaned Discovery Box is limited to immediate family use, so no changes there. Overall family numbers may still be reduced to meet room capacity requirements. With regards to the normally communal Table-top science encounters, we have suggested a few additions and subtractions to reduce movement and sharing of these materials.

[Contact us](#) for details, or [Read More](#).

Example: a station at each end of the table for the Session 3 Table Top experiments and marked floor spacings.



A Big Bang comeback

Eight workshops for primary school aged children from the *Big Bang Book of Science* are readily adapted to children staying seated with their own equipment. These have been uploaded to the partners page on our website or [Contact us](#) for details.



Get Spaced Out!

ALIA's [National Simultaneous Storytime](#) is back for its 21st year - on Wednesday 19 May 2021 at 11:00am - it's going to be a real blast with a live reading from the International Space Station! [Contact us](#) for spacey ideas to give your story time a real lift-off!

National Science Week

National Science Week 2021 will be held **14-22 August 2021**. National Science Week provides the opportunity for community participation in [science](#) engagement activities across the nation.

[Grants](#) are available at national and local level. Speak with your local NSWk committee.

[Contact us](#) for any advice and ideas.



Maker Space

Lock down gave us plenty of time to tinker away with some awesome new products - from sewable electronics to easy-to assemble robotics kits - there's never been a better time to get into the Maker Movement.

[Speak to us](#) about introducing some unique *Maker* activities in your service.

Accidental STEM Facilitator?

We know that for many librarians, teachers and associated roles there is a myriad of demands on your time and priorities. If you find yourself being an 'accidental' STEM facilitator - take heart - there are loads of ideas and support available. We feature a favourite of ours: [The Accidental STEM Librarian: An Exploratory Interview with Eight Librarians](#). This is a USA study and we wonder if we might carry out a similar review in Australia. Please [contact us](#) if you would like to participate in sharing your story.



CBCA BOOK WEEK 2021

Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds
Term 3: August 21-27
[cbca.org.au/cbca-book-week](#)

Another wonderful opportunity to fuse creativity and discovery in this enchanting theme of old, new and other worlds. What can we take from the past, present and future to shape our world? Perhaps some sewable electronics to STEAMPUNK your costume - not just for kids!

[Contact us](#) for any advice and ideas.



We are very happy to share news of a new exciting eMagazine dedicated to all things STEM education. [STEM|ED](#) is full of ideas and commentary and worth a read.

It would also be amazing if any of you might consider contributing an article - highlighting the wonderful success you are having implementing STEM learning in your service and the impact of this for your community.

