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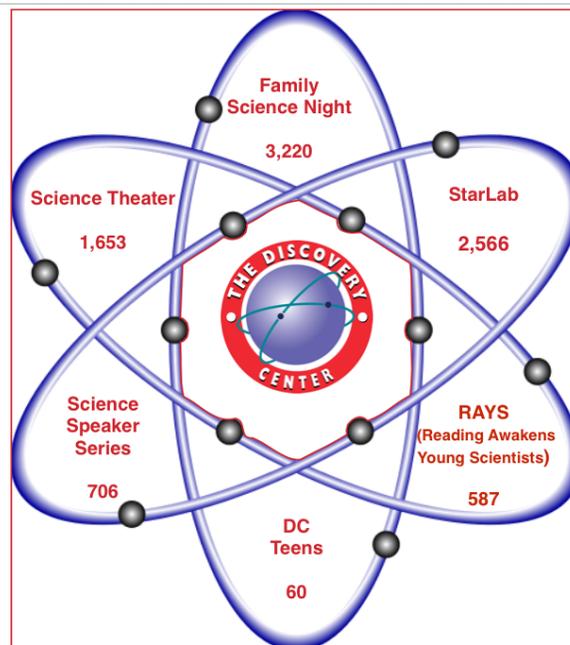
Museum Without Walls | 2013 Impact | Science Speaker Series

What is the Discovery Center?

The Discovery Center for Science and Technology is an educational non-profit that provides hands on science programs at schools and local community venues. We currently operate as a **Museum Without Walls**. Our programs include:

Reading Awakes Young Scientists

RAYS brings science alive through the pages of high quality literature. With programs for grades K-4, our effervescent storytellers captivate the class, followed by a hands on science lesson designed to reinforce a scientific concept from the story. Children don lab coats and become scientists in their classroom labs!



2013 DC Impact

For 20 years, The Discovery Center has offered interactive experiences and educational programs focused on science, engineering and mathematics to promote curiosity, creativity and critical thinking for local children of all ages. In 2013, our core programs reached over 8,200 children and adults throughout Ventura County.

Last year we received a significant validation of the importance of our work with the State of California's adoption of the Next Generation Science Standards ("NGSS"). The NGSS explicitly spells out and requires educators to have students engage in real science and engineering practices -- exactly the kind of activities The Discovery Center provides. We share a common vision with

Family Science Night

FSN brings over 20 different hands-on science activities to local schools for parents and children to enjoy together. These cooperative learning activities develop problem solving, questioning and communication skills. Last fall, FSN expanded to



Santa Paula with three FSN events planned for the school year. 120 new volunteers have been trained and are ready to help students and their families find *science* in everyday activities.

"We live in a society exquisitely dependent
on science
and technology,
in which hardly anyone
knows anything about
science and technology."

- Carl Sagan

this new curricular requirement; to engage people, especially youth, as curious investigators, then to move them from curiosity to a scientific view of the world. Our purpose remains to inspire and empower the next generation of problem-solvers and innovators through their engagement with science, technology, engineering, mathematics and the arts.

Coming to a Theater Near You!

Science Speaker Series highlights timely scientific topics presented by experts in a way we can all understand. The 2013 - 2014 series takes place at the Scherr Forum Theatre in the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza. The two remaining programs include:

Anatomy and Animation: Making Realistic Animated Creatures by **Dr. Stuart Sumida** - Cal State, San Bernardino - March 13, 2014

Using Stem Cells To Treat Human Health Abnormalities by **Dr. Amander Clark** - UCLA - April 17, 2014

Tickets for both programs can be purchased at the Box Office or www.ticketmaster.com

Shaping The Future

The Discovery Center relies on the support of people like you to bring our programs to the community.

- As an all volunteer organization, our life blood is our wonderful volunteer base. Contact our Volunteer co-directors Anne Berner and Carolyn Owens to see how you can help shape the future. 818.879.2021 or volunteers@discoverycntr.org
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