



2026 S.T.E.A.M. Book Recommendations

Ages 10–13 • Middle Grade

Most of the books listed here can be found at your local school or public library. You can also purchase any of these books at your favorite bookstore or order online.

Happy book hunting from the S.T.E.A.M. Race to Space Reading Challenge!

Title	Author	Category
<i>A River's Gifts: The Mighty Elwha River Reborn</i>	Patricia Newman	SCIENCE, ENGINEERING
<i>Adventures in Math: How to Level Up Your Math Game</i>	Carleigh Wu	MATH
<i>Animal Climate Heroes</i>	Alison Pearce Stevens, Jason Ford	SCIENCE
<i>BenBee and the Teacher Griefer</i>	K.A. Holt	MATH
<i>Calculating Chimpanzees, Brainy Bees, and Other Animals with Mind-blowing Mathematical Abilities (Extraordinary Animals, Book 2)</i>	Stephanie Gibeault	SCIENCE, MATH
<i>Charlie Numbers and the UFO Bash</i>	Ben Mezrich	MATH
<i>Detector Dogs, Dynamite Dolphins, and More Animals with Super Sensory Powers (Extraordinary Animals, Book 1)</i>	Christina Couch and Cara Giaimo	SCIENCE, ART
<i>Doomsday Vault</i>	Thomas Wheeler	TECHNOLOGY
<i>Eavesdropping on Elephants: How Listening Helps Conservation</i>	Patricia Newman	SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY
<i>EngiNerds</i>	Jarrett Lerner	ENGINEERING
<i>Everyday STEM Engineering – Electrical Engineering</i>	Jenny Jacoby, Luna Valentine	ENGINEERING
<i>Everyday STEM Engineering—Chemical Engineering</i>	Jenny Jacoby	ENGINEERING
<i>Everyday STEM Engineering—Civil Engineering</i>	Jenny Jacoby, Luna Valentine	ENGINEERING
<i>Everyday STEM Math—Amazing Math</i>	Lou Abercrombie, Lilia Micelia	MATH
<i>Everyday STEM Maths – Maths In Action</i>	Lou Abercrombie, Evelyn Rogers	MATH

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<i>Everyday STEM Science—Energy</i>	Dr. Shini Somara, Luna Valentine	SCIENCE
<i>Everyday STEM Science—Physics</i>	Dr. Shini Somara, Luna Valentine	SCIENCE
<i>Everyday STEM Science—Space</i>	Izzie Clarke, James Lancett	SCIENCE
<i>Everyday STEM Technology—Machines</i>	Jenny Jacoby	TECHNOLOGY
<i>Fantastic Flora: The World's Biggest, Baddest, and Smelliest Plants</i>	Ann McCallum Staats	SCIENCE, ART
<i>Giant Rays of Hope: Protecting Manta Rays to Safeguard the Sea</i>	Patricia Newman	SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY
<i>Green Promises: Girls Who Loved the Earth</i>	Jeannine Atkins	SCIENCE
<i>How to Be a Color Wizard: Forage and Experiment with Natural Art Supplies</i>	Jason S. Logan	SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ART
<i>Innovative Octopuses, Half-Brained Birds, and More Animals with Magnificent Minds (Extraordinary Animals, Book 3)</i>	Christina Couch	SCIENCE
<i>Make Your Mark, Make a Difference: A Kid's Guide to Standing Up for People, Animals, and the Planet</i>	Joan Marie Galat	SCIENCE
<i>Maker Girl and Professor Smarts</i>	Jasmine Florentine	TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING
<i>Maple's Formula for Victory</i>	Kate McMillan	MATH
<i>Maple's Theory of Fun</i>	Kate McMillan	MATH
<i>Planet Ocean: Why We All Need a Healthy Ocean</i>	Patricia Newman	SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY
<i>Plastic, Ahoy! Investigating the Great Pacific Garbage Patch</i>	Patricia Newman	SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY
<i>Rebellion 1776</i>	Laurie Halse Anderson	SCIENCE



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<i>Saving Earth Climate Change and the Fight for Our Future</i>	Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich, Nathaniel Rich, Tim Foley	SCIENCE
<i>Science Comics: Coral Reefs Cities of the Ocean / Cómics de ciencia: Arrecifes de coral</i>	Maris Wicks	SCIENCE, ART
<i>Science Comics: Polar Bears Survival on the Ice</i>	Zack Giallongo, Jason Viola	SCIENCE, ART
<i>Science Comics: Rockets Defying Gravity</i>	Anne Drozd, Jerzy Drozd	SCIENCE, ART
<i>Science Comics: Sharks Nature's Perfect Hunter / Cómics de ciencia: Tiburones: El cazador perfecto de la naturaleza</i>	Joe Flood	SCIENCE, ART
<i>Sea Otter Heroes: The Predators That Saved an Ecosystem</i>	Patricia Newman	SCIENCE, ENGINEERING
<i>Secrets of Lovelace Academy</i>	Marie Benedict	SCIENCE
<i>See Inside AI</i>	Alex Frith	SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY
<i>Six -- Young Readers Edition: The Untold Story of America's First Women Astronauts</i>	Loren Grush	TECHNOLOGY
<i>Spy School Entrance Exam: A Spy School Book of Devious Word Searches, Clever Crosswords, Sly Sudoku, and Other Top Secret Puzzles!</i>	Stuart Gibbs	SCIENCE
<i>Spy School Goes Wild</i>	Stuart Gibbs	TECHNOLOGY
<i>Starstuff</i>	Wade Roush and Will Alexander	SCIENCE
<i>Talia's Codebook for Middle School</i>	Marissa Moss	MATH
<i>The Best at It / El mejor en algo</i>	Maulik Pancholy	MATH
<i>The Bluest Sky / El cielo tan azul</i>	Christina Diaz Gonzalez	MATH
<i>The First Cat in Space: A Graphic Novel Collection / El primer gato en el espacio</i>	Mac Barnett	SCIENCE, ART
<i>The Hanmoji Handbook</i>	Jason, Li, An Xiao Mina, and Jenny Lee	ART

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<i>The Vale</i>	Abigail Hing Wen	TECHNOLOGY
<i>The Wild Robot, Volumes 1-3 / Robot salvaje</i>	Peter Brown	SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY
<i>The Woman in the Moon: How Margaret Hamilton Helped Fly the First Astronauts to the Moon</i>	Richard Maurer	MATH
<i>Unseen Jungle: The Microbes That Secretly Control Our World (Your Hidden Life, Book 1)</i>	Eleanor Spicer Rice	SCIENCE
<i>Who Was Katherine Johnson? / ¿Quién fue Katherine Johnson?</i>	Shelia P. Moses and Who HQ	MATH
<i>Your Pets' Secret Lives (Your Hidden Life, Book 2)</i>	Eleanor Spicer Rice	SCIENCE
<i>Zoo Scientists to the Rescue</i>	Patricia Newman	SCIENCE