At the library

Anyone walking in the Calhoun Memorial Library recently may have noticed the awesome lobby display filled with STEAM To Go learning kits.

STEAM To Go kits focus on science, technology, engineering, art and math skills. Each are unique to the subject matter, be it the great outdoors, machines and contraptions, the oceans or stars and planets. All kits provide hands on, interactive learning while others highlight memory and cognition.

For example, the rocks and minerals kit includes a stereoscope with 12 rock samples, a fossil and mineral collection and book. Want to see the fossilized remains of gastropods or brachiopods? Or feel the different textures of mica, fluorite and pyrite?

The birds and butterflies kit contains a jigsaw puzzle, bird bingo game and butterfly wing matching game. Books about the lifecycle of butterflies and bird identification are also included.

While these kits are targeted for kids, adults may enjoy them, too, as one of the Calhoun Memorial Library staff members found out for herself.

"I checked out the trees kit when I knew my adult children were coming home for the weekend," said Lisa Mulderink, library aide. "We played the tree bingo game and we all loved it."

So, take a minute when visiting and peruse the kits. Why not make learning fun?

Next week our article will highlight the library's caregiver respite kits. Stay tuned.

A reminder to those participating in the Passport program, the end is nigh. You have until Saturday to visit all the MORE libraries. For anyone who cannot travel to these 50+ locations, you may call a library, ask a reference question or book recommendation, say you are in the passport program and are needing the code. You may then write the code in place of a stamp.

Prizes will be drawn in September.

For more information about the library or its programs, visit calhounmemoriallibrary.org or check out our Facebook page.