



Making Your Local STEM Map

- You will need a Gmail account to create a free Google Map that you can share with others.** You can sign up for a free Gmail account here: <http://mail.google.com/mail/help/open.html>. (You don't need to switch your e-mail to Gmail; the free registration gives you access to a variety of Google features, including the mapping tool.)
- Watch a step-by-step screencast to learn how to make and share a Google Map:** <http://maps.google.com/help/maps/mymaps/create.html>.
- At <http://maps.google.com>, click on "Create new map."**
- Add a title and description.** For example:
Sample Title: STEM Resource Map for Anytown, USA
Sample Description: This map shows the location of community resources, programs and experts to help with STEM activities for our 21st CCLC program.
- Click on the placemark icon to add your 21st CCLC location to the map.** 
- Fill in the text box with some information about your program site.** For example:
Sample Title: 21st CCLC Site, Anytown, USA
Sample Description: Our program serves youth in grades K-6 with engaging out-of-school time activities. To prepare our students for the future, we are expanding our STEM programs.
- Click on the placemark icon to add the school(s) that your students attend.** Use the text box to add useful information, such as the names of local teachers who are good STEM resources.
- Continue adding placemarks to populate your map with more STEM resources and experts.** Be sure to click on "Save" when you are finished.
- Click on "Collaborate" to invite colleagues and others in your community and to add more resources to the map.** (When you click "Collaborate," a text box will open prompting you to add e-mail addresses of people you want to invite.)

