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## HELLO, I'M TOYSINBOX TIMES!

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### Review: Summer 3D Printing Traveling Program 2019 (August)

By TOYSINBOX PEOPLE

Hello everyone! We finished our last event in North Carolina and put a successful end to the August part of our Summer 3D Printing Traveling Program 2019. What a rewarding, exciting, and fantastic journey!

Pic1 shows a small celebration we had right after we finished our last 3D printing program scheduled on Friday, August 16th.



pic1: celebrate!

After the celebration, we rushed back to Massachusetts to meet a repeat client who has been waiting patiently for our return.

The first event in August was a **Make Name Keychain 3D Modeling & 3D Printing Workshop** scheduled in the afternoon on

August 1st for **15 teenagers in Arizona**. We flew to Arizona with the required 3D printers and computers along with related event equipment on July 31st after we finished 3D printing exploration programs in **Rhode Island** on July 30th.

The hot air, the one-of-kind saguaro cactus, the weird desert trees, ocotillos, and other unique Arizona beautiful things made us so happy until the next morning when we found out that **five out of seven 3D printers were broken**. They likely broke during our flight from Boston, MA to Tucson, AZ, despite the fact that we put extra effort in packing. The extruder heads fell off, belts snapped, gantry systems detached etc. We only had a couple of hours left before we had to head for the library to host an event. The air suddenly was so tense. We were under high pressure. Fixing the situation was the only way to go. All hands on board. Repairing, testing, brainstorming and racing with time all happened at once. Luckily, we got our five broken 3D printers up and running again. Without time to cheer and for lunch, we rushed to the library and started the program on time. Of course, all the teenagers for this event had a wonderful 3D printing experience.

We stayed in Arizona for one more day to host 3D printing programs. Then we drove to **California** over the weekend for the 3D design and 3D printing workshop bookings there. Driving through the desert in the heat wave was challenging. However, the view was wonderful. Abundant Joshua trees, massive wind turbines, acres of acres of rich pistachio trees, winding Napa Valley trails were just a few of the many sights we saw. By the way, surprisingly, all the California libraries we got invited already had 3D printers in the house. Therefore, both sides had more to talk about.

The next stop after California was **the state of Washington**. Yakima Valley Library system booked 2-day 3D printing exploration programs for its libraries. Each library had a blast 3D printing time.

We finished all the bookings in west coast. The only bookings left were in **New Jersey and North Carolina**. To be there on time, we flew again with our equipment to New York City. This time, the airline was JetBlue. We checked our 3D printers, all

were good, mostly intact, and only needed minor adjustments. Big thanks to JetBlue people. Not sure whether if it was one-time good luck. No time to think about it. The libraries in New Jersey and North Carolina all chose to end their summer reading programs with 3D printing. It turned out that their decisions were correct. Their summer reading programs ended with a blast.

During the tour (July and August), we traveled a lot, from north to south, from sea to shining sea, from barren desert to deep green mountains, from burning hot desert air to chilly high mountain rain. We talked with people (young and old) interested in 3D printing in different states and shared what we know. It was a great experience for us, for our library partners, and for all the curious minds that attended the summer events. 3D printing is definitely the future!

[Summer 3D Printing Traveling Program 2019 August] Please take a look at the pictures and see our program setup in different libraries in AZ, CA, WA, NJ and NC this August.



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Thanks for Reading and See You Next Month!