



Newsletter

Dear Reader,

Hello and happy February! Even though Valentine's Day was last week, we still want to wish you some KIBO love!

January and February have taken KIBO on the road, from cities throughout Massachusetts to Orlando, Austin, Philadelphia, and Chicago. Not only are KIBO's batteries tired, but so are ours! But it has truly been a joy spending



time introducing KIBO to educators, meeting existing customers and hearing their experiences with our little robot.

As usual we have a ton of interesting stories for you, but I want to hightlight two of my favorites: new curriculum materials we are about to launch, and also the video clip of a student product reviewer interviewing Jason Innes, our manager of curriculum. Both represent the kinds of things that KinderLab values: curriculum supports creativity, and student initiative is always treasured.

We hope your 2018 is off to a great start. We look forward to continue providing playful and fun STEAM learning to children everywhere! Please stay in touch on Twitter and Facebook.

Mitch Rosenberg
Co-Founder and CEO



Sneak Peek! We Will Release 4 New Curriculum Guides Next Week!

Next week we will announce the availability of 4 new curriculum guides to support the our various KIBO extensions and modules. Each of these guides provide **8–10 classroom hours** of wonderful new cross-curricular activities with KIBO's add-on modules: build a "happy city" with LEGO® bricks, put on a robotic variety show, create abstract art masterpieces, and more!

Don't have the KIBO add-on modules yet? Take a look at them in our store:

- 1. Sound Record/Playback Module
- 2. Expression Module
- 3. Building Block Extension Set
- 4. Marker Extension Set



Interested in Learning More about Coding and Robotics?

As many of you know, KIBO is the creation of Professor Marina Bers and her 15+ years of early childhood research at Tufts University's Department of Child Study & Human Development's <u>DevTech Research Group</u>.



Marina has created the **Tufts Early Childhood Technology Certificate Program**, which trains educators working with young children to develop skills in teaching how to code, design, and make. With only one-week residency at Tufts required, this year-long graduate program includes two courses completed online.



You are invited to learn more about the program at the upcoming Virtual Open House on Saturday, February 24th at 4:00pm (EST).

Speaking of the Tuft's DevTech Center, don't miss out on some of their upcoming events:

- <u>EDUCON2018 IEEE Global Engineering Education Conference</u> April 18th in Tenerife, Span - Marina will be giving the keynote speech -Emerging Trends and Challenges of Engineering Education
- <u>ISTE</u> June 23rd in Chicago, IL Marina will be a keynote speaker, organized by Erikson Institute
- INFOSYS' Pathfinders Summer Institute July 15 20 at Indiana University, Bloomington, IN – The DevTech Center will be hosting a week–long Professional Development event on Computer Science and Making. <u>Apply</u>. <u>today!</u>

KIBO is...Whatever you want it to be!

Watch the video below and get inspired on all KIBO can be – a dancer, an explorer, a butterfly in its habitat, a dream car...anything imaginable! We would love to see some of your student's KIBO creations! Share with hashtag #KIBORobot!





Conference Corner

Here are some conferences where you can meet KIBO these next few months!

- Atlanta Public School's Core Curriculum and STEM Vendor Fair – March 1st – Atlanta, GA
- Boston STEM Fair (Boston Tech Mom) - March 11th - Waltham, MA
- CUE 2018 National Conference –
 March 14 17 Palm Springs
- UCET (UT Coalition for Educational Technology) – March 22 – 23 – Salt Lake City, UT
- ASCD Empower Conference –
 March 24 26 Boston, MA
- MAEYC March 24th Westford,
- Western Suffolk BOCES Coding & Robotics Vendor Showcase -March 28th - Wheatley Heights, NY
- National School Boards
 Association April 7 9 San
 Antonio, TX
- ISTE June 24 27 Chicago, IL



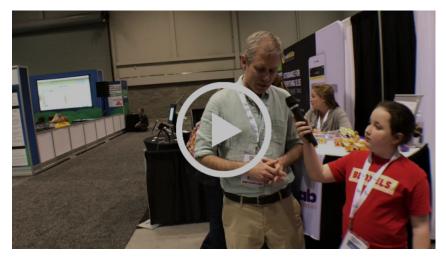
KIBO in the News

KIBO has been lucky enough to have been featured in these publications!

- <u>Tech & Learning</u>: What's New: New Tools in Schools
- <u>EdWeek</u>: Coding as a Literacy for the 21st Century
- <u>Tech Age Kids</u>: The Robotics Learning Tool for 4-7 year olds - Review
- <u>Little Explorer Big World</u>: Top 15 STEM Toys for 2018
- <u>Nibletz</u>: No Preschool Isn't too Young to Start Coding
- <u>THE Journal</u>: Finding Funds for Coding Programs
- <u>Scientific American</u>: Connecting Kindergartners and Coding without a Screen in the World of Unstructured Play
- Reviewed Parenting: 12 incredible STEM toys that every child will want. Fun (and learning) for kids of all ages!
- NIH Record: Tech for Tots: Lab Develops Coding Toys for Young Kids
- American Scientist: STEM Wish List 2017
- Huffington Post: Why STEM Toys Should Be on Your List for the Holidays

Meet our own Jason Innes!

If you haven't met our Training and Curriculum Development Manager extraordinaire, Jason Innes, meet him via the video below. He was interviewed by Tatum, a 10 year old reporter from Nibletz during the FETC 2018 Conference. (You can even learn who his favorite Harry Potter character is!) Should you have curriculum and training ideas, or want to schedule training or a PD workshop, please contact him at jason@kinderlabrobotics.com.



10 Year Old EdTech Reporter Talks with KinderLab Robotics at FETC 2018!

Want to share your experiences with KIBO?



We love to hear from our customers and learn some of the interesting and creative things they are doing with KIBO. Please check out the <u>KIBO Resources</u> website to see the classroom stories and activity ideas submitted by teachers.

Share your own stories, ideas and insights to help inspire others!











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