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**Family Science Expo at Des Plaines Public Library;
Structural Engineers explore engineering with students**

Chicago, IL: The Structural Engineers Association of Illinois (SEAOI) is proud to exhibit and participate at the 2016 Des Plaines Public Library Family Science Expo, an annual event designed to get kids excited about science, technology, and engineering.

About the event: This interactive, free event is open to the public and will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2016 from Noon to 4:00 pm at the Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellinwood Street, Des Plaines, IL.

The Expo will feature interactive displays and presentations that are fun and educational, designed to enhance children's interest in math, science, and of course engineering. This program is a joint effort among local professional engineering and scientific societies, area national laboratories and businesses.

Structural engineers Bob Johnson, Chas Hague, Ken Nizamuddin, Rami Asfahani and others are expected to introduce budding young engineers to hands-on practical application of structural engineering principles through models and "toys" at the SEAOI exhibit. Children will have the opportunity to create and load test their own bridge design using a computer program, and you can expect a lively exchange between Johnson and the students as he delves into engineering principles explaining how Chicago skyscrapers stand tall.

Who should attend The target audience is 3rd to 8th graders, though high school students and parents will come away with a deeper appreciation and understanding of engineering.

For more information about the event, please visit <https://www.seaoi.org/seaoi-outreach-events-and-volunteer-opportunities>

The Structural Engineers Association of Illinois (SEAOI) was founded in 1965 by practicing structural engineers to advance and advocate excellence in structural engineering and to aid in safeguarding the lives and property of the public. SEAOI contributes to the expansion of the art and science of structural engineering by offering education, outreach and networking opportunities to members and the public living and working in Illinois.

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