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## Girls STEAM Project Talladega County, AL

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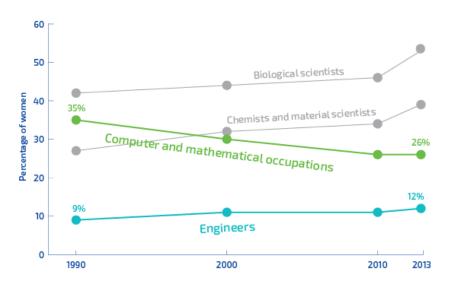
The Girls STEAM Project goal is to help seventh and eighth grade girls in Talladega County expand their horizons in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) with an Art component.

## Solving the Equation: The Variables for Women's Success in Engineering and Computing (2013) – Part I

More than ever before, girls are studying and excelling in science and mathematics. Yet the dramatic increase in girls' educational achievements in scientific and mathematical subjects has not been matched by similar increases in the representation of women working as engineers and computing professionals. Just 12 percent of engineers are women, and the number of women in computing has fallen from 35 percent in 1990 to just 26 percent today.

The numbers are especially low for Hispanic, African American, and Indian women. Black women make up 1 percent of the engineering workforce and 3 percent of the computing workforce, while Hispanic women hold just 1 percent of jobs in each field. American Indian and Alaska Native women make up just a fraction of a percent of each workforce.

## WOMEN IN SELECTED STEM OCCUPATIONS, 1990-2013



Girls STEAM Project Code & Create Earle A. Rainwater Memorial Library 124 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW Childersburg, AL Classes - 10/12 & 19

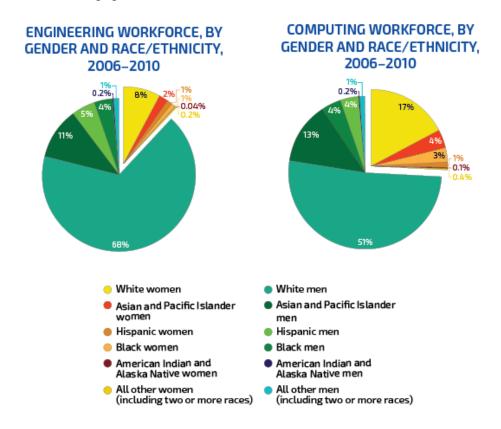
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The representation of women in engineering and computing matters. Diversity in the workforce contributes to creativity, productivity, and innovation. <a href="Everyone's experiences">Everyone's experiences</a> should inform and guide the direction of engineering and technical innovation.

In less than 10 years, the United States will need 1.7 million more engineers and computing professionals. We simply can't afford to ignore the perspectives or the talent of half the population.



(Source: AAUW website, <a href="http://www.aauw.org/research/solving-the-equation/">http://www.aauw.org/research/solving-the-equation/</a>)

The Girls STEAM Project "Code & Create, will be held at Earle A. Rainwater Memorial Library, 124 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, Childersburg, AL, 35044, on Thursdays, October 12 and 19, 2017. Register for classes with the library receptionist or call 205 249-7788. Classes are open to 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls. The classes are free, but registration is required.

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