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**LET'S TALK SCIENCE**  
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**Parry Sound youth to make slime and pop rockets**

Let's Talk Science Partnership Program volunteers from the University of Toronto, Mississauga will visit the Parry Sound Public Library on Wednesday, June 10 to engage local children and youth in hands-on science activities.

The free event, which runs from 3 to 6 p.m., is themed around the wonders of chemistry and will include fun and entertaining activities and demonstrations that use everyday materials. Kids will have the opportunity to see chemistry happen right before their eyes! They will be able to create a slimy substance by combining white glue and Borax™, and use the reaction between alka seltzer and water to launch a pop rocket.

"It is unbelievably rewarding to hear a student say 'wow' or 'cool' in response to science, because that's often when the 'I want to be a scientist' seed gets planted," says Margarette Sison, University of Toronto Let's Talk Science Partnership Program Coordinator.

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**About the Partnership Program:**

Since 1993, science, engineering and technology students at post-secondary campuses across Canada have been teaming up with educators to ignite excitement in science in elementary and secondary students. The Partnership Program exists at 28 universities and colleges across the country and its dedicated volunteers deliver fun and engaging hands-on science workshops and activities to thousands of children and youth. The program has recently extended its outreach to rural and remote communities.

For more information about Let's Talk Science and the Partnership Program, please visit [www.letstalkscience.ca](http://www.letstalkscience.ca).

**About Let's Talk Science:**

Let's Talk Science is a national non-profit science outreach organization, founded in 1993, that strives to improve science literacy in children and youth. With a team that includes scientists, early childhood educators and teachers, Let's Talk Science is uniquely positioned to develop effective educational programs that engage children, youth, and adults in learning and improving science literacy. Let's Talk Science specializes in early years education, volunteer science outreach programs, professional learning and training, science literacy research and advocacy and custom program development.