SUNNYVALE
Collaborative Tech Space

CLIENT

The City of Sunnyvale is located in the heart of Silicon Valley in California. Seeking to create a hub for innovation for local children and teens, the Sunnyvale Library called on nsquared to provide a Samsung SUR40 digital table with our suite of education applications and games for its new collaborative tech space.

CHALLENGES

[1] Software must be easy and accessible enough for any community member to learn.

[2] Device must be able to withstand many years of heavy usage from both children and adults.

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SOLUTION

Teachers, students and their parents use the digital table to collaborate on word and mathematics games, painting programs, circuit board design and chemistry modules.

The administrative librarian at Sunnyvale has noted the inter-generational use of the digital table. There have been groups of school aged kids showing a grandparent how it works, as well as teens with younger siblings playing nsquared snap.

BENEFITS

[1] Interactive multi-user software helps groups to develop team-work skills.

[2] The wide variety of educational games provide many opportunities for learning.

[3] Inter-generational use fosters a sense of community.

Families have had extremely positive responses to the Surface – one father and two kids sat the Surface for over an hour using the paint program. The dad came over afterwards to tell the librarians how great a time they all had.

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“The Surface is in almost constant use by children, teens and adults. More than 90% of users consider it a success.”

STEVE SLOAN, ADMINISTRATIVE LIBRARIAN

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