## **Durham Library Foundation**

Science Madness, **Durham County Library**'s science program, was created to deliver an out-of-school science curriculum by expanding the availability of free, hands-on science activities and related reading materials. Twenty-four library staff and volunteers, including seven degreed librarians, received training to deliver the Science Madness curriculum. The Science Madness curriculum comprised three strands: Science Explorers for preschool-aged children, Mad Scientist Club, Jr. for children ages 8 to 11, and Mad Scientist Club, Sr. for children ages 12 to 14. The curriculum included such topics as the Science of Pancakes and the Wonders of Water. More than 105 Science Madness sessions were offered at Durham County libraries throughout 2012, with an estimated 900 preschool, elementary, and middle school students attending one or more sessions, and teen attendance rates were estimated with approximately 100 teens attending sessions.

