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Animals are the top draw at free Explorit program

Explorit Science Center will bring out animals from its small but exotic menagerie during a free program from 6:30-8 p.m. July 19 and 26. "Amazing Animal Adaptations" will take place at the museum's Mace Park Branch, 3141 Fifth St., Davis.

Explorit's African giant millipedes, northern blue tongue skink and ball python will be available for close study. Also, visitors will learn how a school of fish, a pride of lions, a knot of toads and a bed of clams' unique behaviors have made these animals and others successful in their environments.

Families can also observe the different life-cycles of native Davis animals. A short walk through Mace Ranch Community Park, located just behind Explorit, leads to a Nature Habitat, where visitors can examine the characteristics of animals such as burrowing owls and jackrabbits.

The program is part of Explorit's free Summer Science Series, held each Thursday evening through Aug. 23. The informal, drop-in events feature hands-on science activities with guidance from an Explorit educator.



Caption: Explorit visitors meet the science center's 4.5-foot ball python, who will be part of the "Amazing Animal Adaptations" programs from 6:30 -8 p.m. July 19 and 26. The informal, drop in programs will be held at Explorit's Mace Park Branch, 3141 5th St., Davis.