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• Three NASA@ My Library partners are part of PEP in 2020 (Tom Green County, TX; Show Low, AZ; and Gwinnett County, GA)
• On Feb. 19-20, librarians from all three libraries attended a training on PEP with the NASA@ My Library PEP project team at the Tom Green County Library in San Angelo, TX
• Training included the research behind interest development with Dr. Amanda Durik (Northern Illinois University) and how a library display can trigger interest in Earth, space, and NASA Science
• Partner libraries received all the items for a PEP display in their own library that they will manage, contribute to, and collect data from over time to help determine best practices for such displays in a library setting.

A new PEP display in the Tom Green County Library (left); librarians and NASA@ My Library project team at the PEP training in a green screen (center); trivia questions in both English and Spanish on the display that trigger a tally counter when a flap is lifted (right).