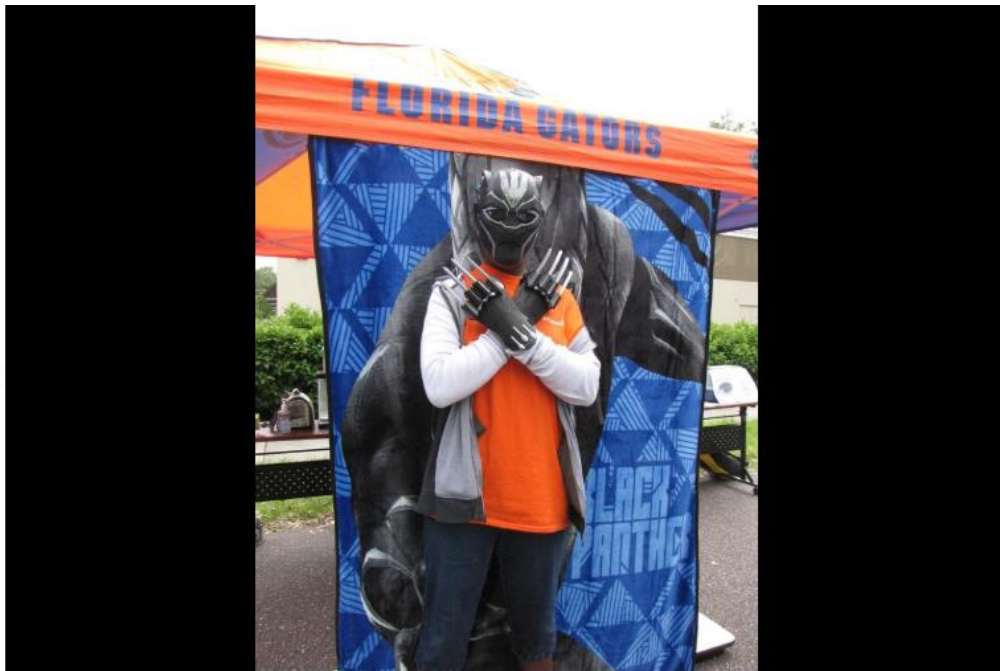


A 'Black Panther' Family-A-Fair

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Children of all ages had an opportunity to channel the "Black Panther" at one of the "cool" science and art activity booths. {Photos by Aida Mallard/Special to the Guardian}



A steady stream of children and adults enjoyed science-focused activities, including looking at organisms via powerful microscopes.



Rashidah Farid, left, president of NARDI, holds a Python, while Dennis Cole, a seventh-grader at A. Quinn Jones Center, considers whether to pet it. Left also Keara Clancy, vice president of NARDI.

The “Black Panther” movie, which broke records worldwide and inspired millions, had a huge emphasis in science and technology, so to engage children and families in STEAM, science technology, engineering, arts and math, Library Partnership presented “Black Panther Family-A-Fair “The Wakanda Experience.”

The event was held on Friday in the Library Partnership parking lot at 1130 NE 16th Ave.

The program offered science and technology booths, games, food and drinks and was presented in partnership with the University of Florida Natural Resources Diversity Initiative, or NARDI, Partnership for Strong Families, and the Alachua County Library District.

Cherie Kelly, manager of the Partnership for Strong Families Resource Center at Library Partnership, said she was pleased with the event.

“Anytime we have an opportunity to engage our children and families and connect with the community,” Kelly said, “it’s a success for everyone.”