

# Not a chocolate bar, but an activity:

A vending machine that prints out productive activities

## Background of the innovation

Short Édition invented the Short Story Dispenser in 2011. Their aim was “to adapt literature to the modern world by combining short literature, the community and technology.” There are many companies around the world that are using the Short Story Dispensers, and they are mostly used in waiting areas such as metro and bus stations.

## How does the machine work?

The machine has three buttons: 1, 3 or 5 minutes. You can choose the amount of time you have and the machine will print out an activity that can be completed in that amount of free time.

## Reference

<https://dispenser.short-edition.com/>



## Adaptation of the innovation for TAMUQ students

TAMUQ students sometimes have long breaks between their classes. During these breaks, many students waste time on their phones instead of doing an activity that is beneficial and productive. Our solution is a vending machine that prints out different brain-engaging activities for students to do during study breaks such as: short stories and poems, math games, language learning activities, puzzles, comics, and 5-minute mysteries to solve.

## The benefits



Free



Eco-friendly



Productive way to use time