
The Library's Makerspace offers space, tools, equipment, materials, programs, and support to promote creativity, learning, and collaboration. The Makerspace is built to bring together a community of tinkerers, creatives and inspire new tech users. Use of the Makerspace is open to the public, and all Makerspace users must observe and follow our policies and guidelines.

Using the Space

- Tools and equipment are available to Makers on a first come, first serve basis.
- Makerspace staff and volunteers will assist in explaining the operation of tools and equipment as time allows, and will make available upon request materials such as instruction manuals. Be advised that not all library staff will be knowledgeable about all equipment available in the Makerspace.
- Select equipment will be operated by Makerspace staff and volunteers only.
- The Makerspace is geared towards users ages eight and up. Parents/guardians are welcome to tour the Makerspace and evaluate its use by a minor child. Staff and volunteers will be happy to answer questions.
- Makers must clean their workspaces and return tools in a clean condition to their original location before leaving.
- Storage space may be made available for Makers with unfinished projects at the discretion of staff and volunteers. The Library does not accept responsibility for projects left at the Makerspace.
- Covered drinks are welcome in the Makerspace. Food may be eaten in designated areas or during special activities such as programs and club meetings as allowed by staff.
- The Library's Code of Conduct applies to the Makerspace.
- Patrons who need special arrangements or accommodations are requested to notify Makerspace staff as far in advance as possible before their expected time of use to ensure accommodations are met.

Becoming a Maker

The Makerspace is open to all, but certain equipment requires a valid library card to use and reserve, such as hand tools, heat tools, 3D printers, and laser cutters. A library card is not required to use equipment and materials that are not restricted such as craft supplies, toys, littleBits, tech kits, and other designated materials. Library patrons who frequent the Makerspace are encouraged to become "Makers" in order to facilitate easy access to restricted items. To become a Maker:

- Patrons must complete the Tool Safety Training as certified by staff.
- Adult patrons (or their legal guardians, if applicable) must present a valid photo ID and review the Makerspace policy, and agree to all rules. Minor patrons must have a parent, guardian, or another person with appropriate legal authority to review and agree to the usage.
- Makers under age twelve must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times.

Safety

- The Makerspace will house safety supplies as appropriate.
- Appropriate personal protective equipment and clothing must be worn depending on the activity e.g. gloves, safety glasses, and aprons.
- When using a tool that does not require certification, a Maker is responsible for handling it safely and properly.
- If a Maker sees that any tool or piece of equipment is unsafe or in a state of disrepair, they must immediately stop using it and notify staff or volunteers.
- Makers must immediately report any accident, incident, or unsafe behavior they observe to staff or volunteers.

Library Rights

- The Library does not accept responsibility if a project is destroyed, does not print correctly, or does not function as expected.
- The Library reserves the right to halt, delete, or disallow the creation of items if they conflict with the Library's General Use Guidelines or may prove harmful or dangerous.
- The Maker agrees that the Library is not responsible for any manufacturing defects, the quality of workmanship of any tools, materials, or equipment supplied by the Makerspace, or for the quality or condition of a user's project.
- The Library reserves the right to place age limits for class participation depending on the content.
- The Library is not responsible for any damage to, or loss or theft of, a Maker's property.
- Makers may be required to pay for damages they incur to Makerspace equipment or property.
- Violation of Makerspace policies may result in suspension or termination of Makerspace privileges.