

Programming & Makerspace Librarian Report

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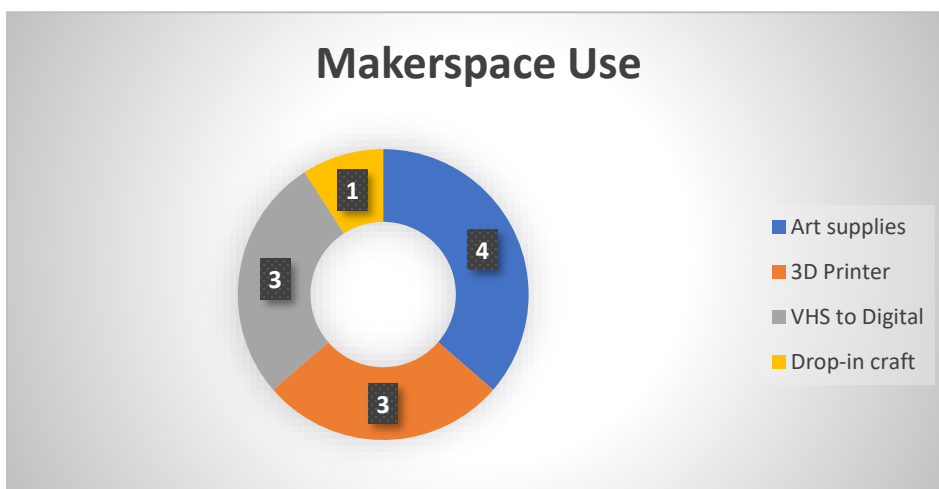
March 2025

Programs:

- Winter Reading Challenge Participation:
 - Adults: 149
 - Teens: 2
 - Children: 64
- 2/18: Tea of the Month - Jasmine (32)
- 3/1: Sing, Dance, Thrive w/Noelle Larson (23)
- 3/3: Leprechaun House take/make for kids (60)
- 3/6: Nature Writing Workshop w/Jim Nies (5)
- 3/12: Community Helpers Storytime w/farmer Katy Katzman (25)

Upcoming Programs:

- 3/18: Tea of the Month – Tulsi
- 3/26: Embracing Our Difference: Stories & Art Activities (w/Be Kind Whitewater)
- Month of April: Citizen Science Bingo
- 4/7: Flower take/make craft for kids
- 4/9: Community Helpers Storytime w/a banker
- 4/19: Music & Art Wonder Club w/Noelle Larson



Makerspace Appointments: 1 hour

Total Makerspace Use: 11 (note that this number reflects only people who sign in; many don't)

Equipment & Technology: No updates.

Donations:

- The First English Lutheran Church in Whitewater is donating \$100 to sponsor the adult summer reading grand prize (which will be a Kindle Fire).
- Fabric and craft items from patron.

Other Updates:

- I assisted Diane with the 2024 programming statistics for the annual report.
- Created a Makerspace survey for patron feedback and will be accepting responses through April. The survey is available in both print and online formats.
- Worked with Project Maria to create a display for National Eating Disorders Awareness Week.
- Social media posts highlighting Women's History Month
- Working on Strategic Goal 4: Create a plan to renew and revitalize the Friends of the Library

Meetings:

2/14: Planning meeting with Be Kind Whitewater

2/19: WLA Sustainability SIG meeting

2/24: WLA Intellectual Freedom SIG meeting

2/24: WLA Mentorship meeting

2/26: Management meeting

3/5: Jeni Schomber, DPI

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3/7: Meeting with Noelle Larson about Storytelling Festival

3/12: Management meeting

Professional Development:

- NEOGOV Emerging Leader Certification Program Sessions:
 - *Leadership (People View)*
 - *Safety for Leaders*
 - *Employee Differences (Diversity)*

- NEOGOV trainings:
 - *Bloodborne Pathogens (V2)*
 - *Anti-Harassment*
 - *Slips, Trips, and Falls*

- Library Makerspaces Research Showcase (one-day online conference):
 - *The Impact and Value of Makerspaces in Public Libraries*
 - *What First-Time Users Can Teach Us About Makerspace Design and Experience*
 - *Whose Values? Navigating Key Tensions in Makerspace Design, Use, and Evaluation*
 - *Accessibility in Making: Perspectives from Disability Self-Advocates*
 - *Making is for Everyone: Lessons Learned from Library Makerspaces for Youth with Disabilities*
 - *Promoting Computational Thinking Skills for Blind and Visually Impaired Learners Through Accessible Library Makerspace*
 - *Factors Influencing Intention to Introduce Accessibility in Makerspace Planning and Implementation*
 - *Values-based Assessment: Designing Assessment for Learning in Library Makerspaces*
 - *The Observation Deck: Digital tools for observation, assessment, and analysis*
 - *Maker Immersion: Developing Curriculum Design and Assessment Skills for Academic Makerspace Course Integration*
 - *Co-teaching and the role of school librarians in facilitating maker learning in schools*
 - *Family Makers: Promoting Engineering Learning for Children and Caregivers Through Online Making Programs at Rural Libraries*
 - *Connected Spaces: A Technological Framework for Fostering Collaboration by Linking Novice Makers with Mentors and Peers*