

Programming & Makerspace Librarian Report

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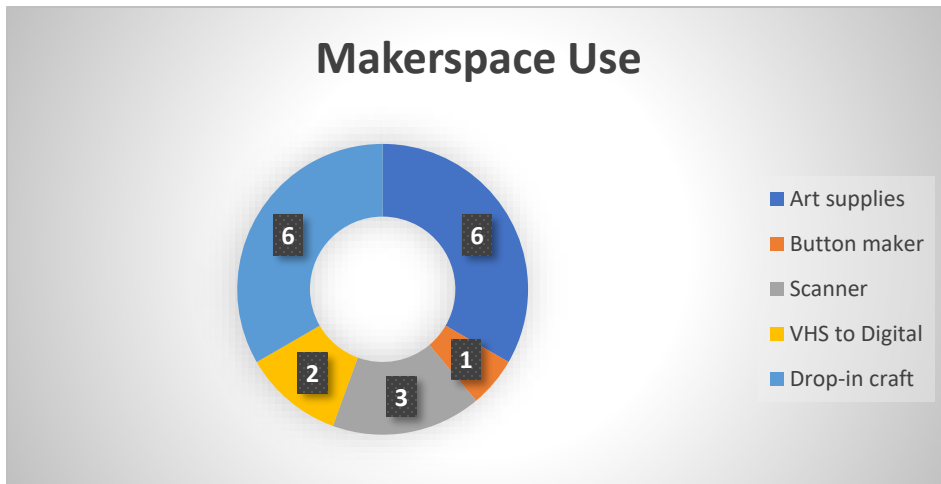
January 2025

Programs:

- 1/2: Snowman mitten take & make craft for kids (60)
- 1/8: Community Helpers Storytime – Teacher (9)
- 1/10: Piggy Bank take & make for kids (30) – *provided by Thinking Money for Kids grant*
- 1/13-2/28: Winter Reading Challenge (with Deana)
- January drop-in Makerspace project: Needle-felted Stars

Upcoming Programs:

- We are collaborating with the UW-Whitewater Children's Center on a collaborative, community book. We will be providing take/make/return kits starting in February, along with an activity station in the library's Makerspace. The end result will be a book with a Community Scavenger Hunt theme. I'm working with Deana on this.
- 1/21: Tea of the Month take & make kits
- Every Thursday in February: Writing workshop with Jim Nies at the Senior Center
- 2/3: Otter Valentines take & make kit for kids
- 2/10: Black History Month Collage take & make for adults/teens goes out
- 2/12: Community Helpers Storytime – Police Officer
- February drop-in Makerspace project: Valentine's Day Cards
- Collaborating with UW-Whitewater to give away books for an upcoming author visit with Rebekah Taussig on March 11. The book is "Sitting Pretty: The View from my Ordinary Resilient Disabled Body."



Makerspace Appointments: 2.5 hours

Total Makerspace Use: 18 (note that this number reflects only people who sign in; many don't)

Equipment & Technology:

- I did a huge full-service digitization project for a patron. 19 film reels and 285 slides for \$210.

Donations: None.

Other Updates:

- Updated the CAM (Convert & Archive Memories) brochure, the Makerspace Finder Binders for both patrons and circulation staff, and the Makerspace staff procedures.
- January Citizen Science share-out: Project Squirrel.
- Set up a puzzle table in the library for patrons to participate in.
- I am working with staff member Hope C. for her internship. We are covering best practices for youth services programming and she is assisting me with planning and running storytimes.

Meetings:

- 12/11: Management meeting
- 12/11: Meeting with UW-W Children's Center
- 12/18: Management meeting
- 1/3: Management meeting
- 1/9: Management meeting
- 1/10: WLA Mentorship Program Orientation
- 1/13 WLA Mentorship meeting

Professional Development:

- I have been accepted into the WLA Mentorship Program for 2025.
- SciStarter training: *Building Data Literacy Through Community and Citizen Science*
- SciStarter training: *Libraries as Community Hubs for Citizen Science*
- PLIX mini course: *Facilitating Creative Learning*
- I have been accepted to be a [Library Makers](https://www.librarymakers.org/) [https://www.librarymakers.org/] Ambassador for January-June 2025. This is a nationwide community of practice for makerspace librarians and I will be providing support and expertise along with learning about new trends and best practices.