

Programming & Makerspace Librarian Report

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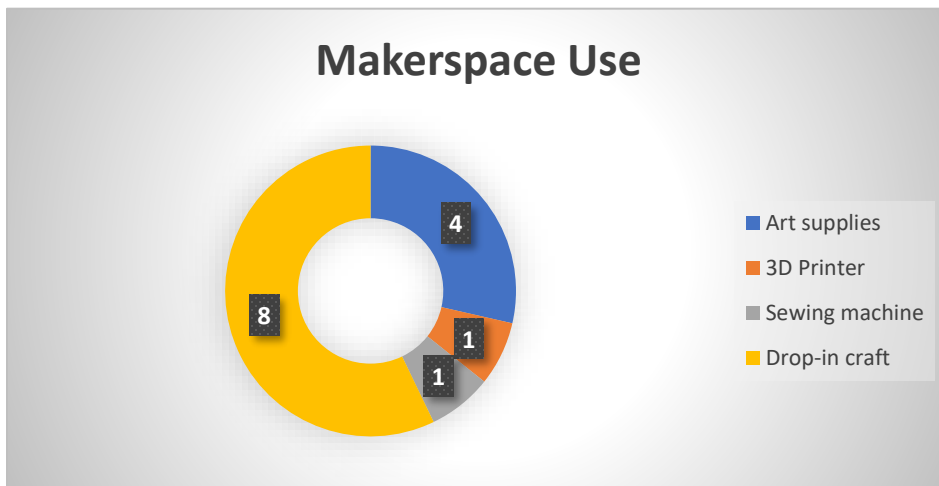
November 2024

Programs:

- 10/31: Candy Corn take/make for kids (60)
- Month of November: Drop-in project in the makerspace for adults and teens – make a yarn-wrapped fall wreath
- 11/11: Turkey take/make for kids (60)

Upcoming Programs:

- December take/make for kids: Gingerbread house craft
- December take/make for adults: Fabric scrap tree ornament craft
- Drop-in Makerspace craft for December – Holiday card making
- I am planning a “Community Helpers” story time series which will be held at the Cravath Lakefront Community Building every 2nd Wednesday of the month from January through May. Each story time will explore a new career and offer opportunities to play and learn with hands-on activities and will be presented with the help of a community member. I have a police officer and a teacher lined up so far.



Makerspace Training Appointments: 0 hours

Total Makerspace Use (10/31-11/12): 14

Equipment & Technology:

- I am setting up the new embroidery machine that we purchased through a Bridges grant. I am testing it and developing training procedures. After this is completed, I will begin advertising this new equipment and training patrons on it.

Donations: none

Other Updates:

- I created a new tab on our website under the “Events” page titled “Happening This Month” – this page will be more functional to list the drop-in and open-ended activities we will have more of during construction.
- Bridges created marketing materials for a “Thankful for Libraries” campaign. Throughout November, patrons are invited share their stories to celebrate the incredible impact of public libraries. These testimonials will help demonstrate the value of libraries to both legislators and our communities. We supported this campaign by sharing on our website, social media channels, and with flyers in the library.
- I am highlighting our digital resources in weekly posts on social media. I am also promoting equipment training in the Makerspace and citizen science opportunities through SciStarter.
- I shared Libby’s “Big Library Read” promotional materials on social media and flyers in the library.
- I created a new tab on our website under the “About” page for the approved Land Acknowledgement Statement, Our Commitment to Action, and information about resources (links to local Native American history (including book lists and highlights from our library’s collection) and current issues for further research and education). This page will be continually updated as needed.

Meetings:

- 10/30 – Meeting with Deana
- 11/1 – Staff meeting
- 11/7 – Staff meeting
- 11/8 – Met with a UW-W student and Deana for an interview about book challenges.

Professional Development:

- SciStarter Ambassador Program Training
- *The Playful Library: Building Environments for Learning and Creativity* (ALA Editions, 2025)