

Programming & Makerspace Librarian Report

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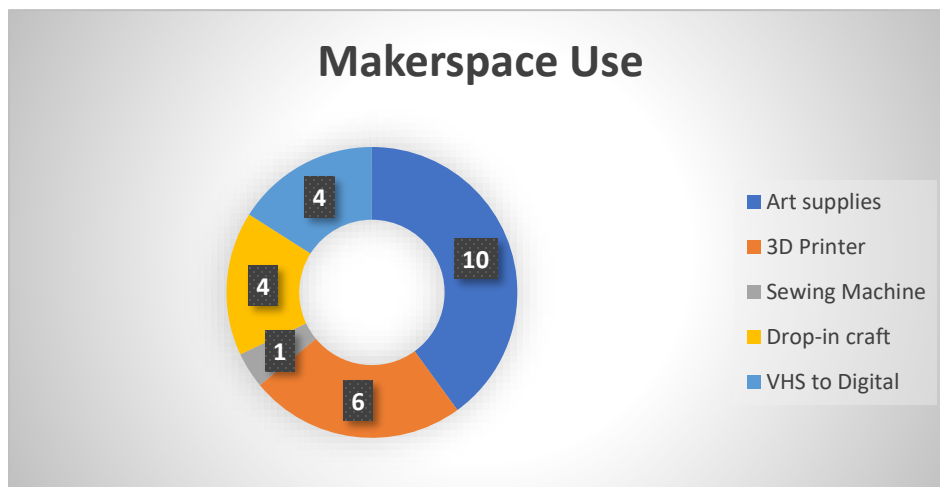
April 2025

Programs:

- 3/18: Tea of the Month – Tulsi (36)
- 3/26: Embracing Our Differences: Stories & Art Activities with Be Kind Whitewater (31)
- Month of April: Makerspace drop-in project – Puzzle Piece Mural
- Month of April: Citizen Science Bingo
- 4/7: Spring Flower take/make craft for kids (60)
- 4/9: Community Helpers Storytime w/a Banker (13)

Upcoming Programs:

- 4/19: Music & Art Wonder Club w/Noelle Larson
- 4/21: Tea of the Month – Turmeric Ginger
- 5/2: Painting Activity at Mulberry Glen in collaboration w/Whitewater Arts Alliance
- 5/5: Kindness Sunflower take/make craft for kids
- 5/14: Community Helpers Storytime w/a Police Officer
- 5/30-31: Whitewater Storytelling Festival in collaboration with the WW Arts Alliance, et al.



Makerspace Appointments: 3.5 hours

Total Makerspace Use: 25 (note that this number reflects only people who sign in; many don't)

Equipment & Technology: My workspace computer was updated to a new laptop with a docking station and monitor.

Donations:

- 50 seed packets from Seed Savers Exchange (to be used for Citizen Science Bingo rewards)

Strategic Goals:

- Began working on Strategic Goal 2 – the new website design. We set up a free Wordpress site and will receive Nexcess hosting for free through Bridges. By redesigning the website in-house, we are saving \$10,000-\$15,000 according to the quotes we received.
- Strategic Goal 3 – tabled at the UW-Whitewater Wellness Fair on 4/8. I talked with 65 people.
- Continued work on Strategic Goal 4 – Create a plan to renew and revitalize the Friends of the Library. We now have a full slate of board members and I am organizing a shared Google Drive folder.

Other Updates:

- Created a Spring Staff Picks marketing campaign. 8 staff members participated.
- National Library Week activities – swag table and drawing for a \$25 Book Teller gift card. I also created several social media posts throughout the week.

Meetings

- 3/17: Library Makers ambassador meeting
- 3/19: Management meeting
- 3/20: Meeting with Diane
- 3/20: Storytelling Festival committee
- 3/24: WLA Children's Book Award committee
- 3/26: Management meeting
- 3/27: WLA Mentorship meeting
- 3/27: Storytelling Festival committee
- 4/2: Management meeting
- 4/7: Storytelling Festival committee
- 4/9: Management meeting

Professional Development:

- NEOGOV Emerging Leader Certification Program Sessions:
 - *Ethical Leader*
 - *External Communication for Leaders*
- NEOGOV trainings:
 - *Active Shooter*
 - *The Role of Customer Service*
 - *Diversity in the Workplace: Diversity for All*
 - *Workplace Ergonomics*
- ALA webinar: *Show Up for Libraries: How, Where, and Why to Tell Your Library Story*
- *Community Voices* pre-training (Bridges)