

Programming & Makerspace Librarian Report

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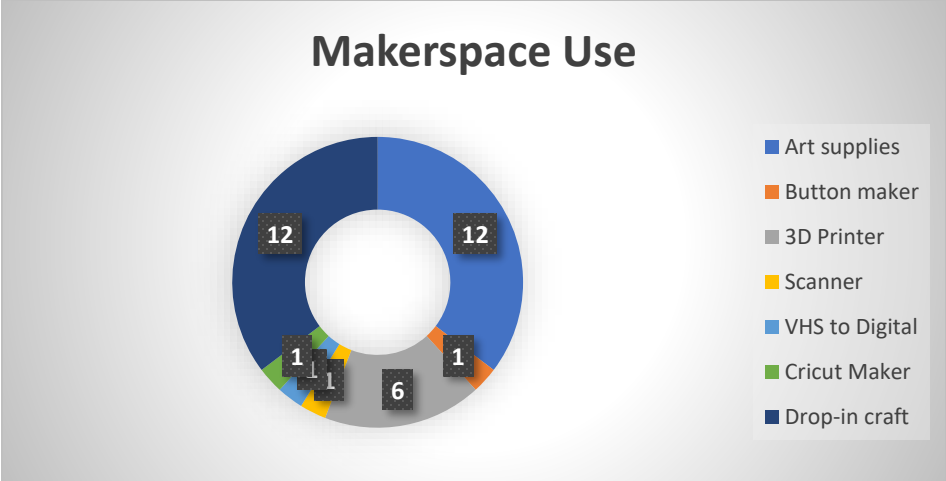
February 2025

Programs:

- Winter Reading Challenge continues through February 28
- 1/21: Tea of the Month – Darjeeling (32)
- Makerspace drop-in projects: Valentine’s Day Cards (1st half of Feb) and Storybook Collaboration project (2nd half of Feb-March)
- “Sitting Pretty” book giveaway – in collaboration with UW-Whitewater and the upcoming author visit on campus and community book discussion (20)
- 2/3: Valentine Otters take/make for kids (60)
- Thursdays in February: Nature Writing Workshop w/Jim Nies at Seniors in the Park building. (9)
- 2/10: Black History Month Collage take/makes for adults and teens (20)
- 2/12: Community Helpers Storytime with Police Officer – cancelled due to weather

Upcoming Programs:

- 2/18: Tea of the Month – Jasmine
- Collaboration with Be Kind Whitewater group for an “Embracing our Differences” reading program that will be held on Wednesday, March 26 at the Cravath Lake Community Center building (during Spring Break).
- Noelle Larson will provide early literacy and music programs at the Cravath Lake Community Center building on Saturdays March 1 and April 19.
- 3/3: Leprechaun house take/make for kids
- 3/12: Community Helpers Storytime with a local Farmer.



Makerspace Appointments: 3 hours

Total Makerspace Use: 34 (note that this number reflects only people who sign in; many don't)

Equipment & Technology: No updates.

Donations: Large coloring poster from a patron. I hung it in the children's area for kids to color on.

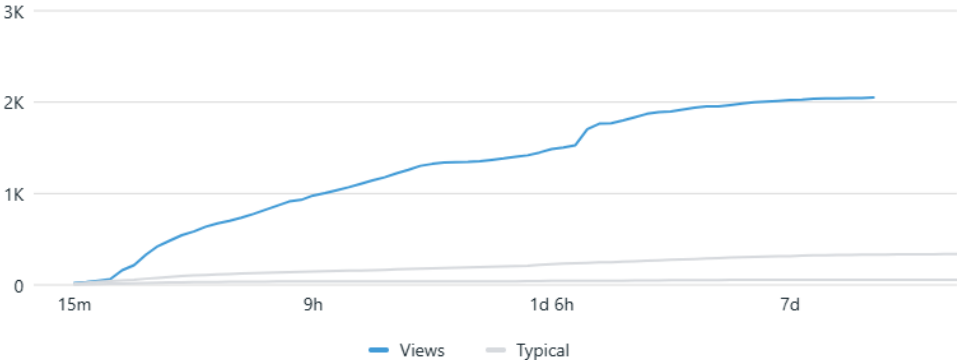
Other Updates:

- Created a social media post for "Library Shelfie" day. This post performed very well (see below).

↗ This post received more views compared to your recent Facebook posts.

Views ⓘ

2,050



From followers 25%

From non-followers 75%

- I continue to work with staff member Hope C. for her internship.
- Citizen Science share-out for February: Heath eHeart Study.
- Shared weekly resources about Black History Month on the library's social media.
- I continue to create social media posts promoting the Makerspace equipment and the library's Digital Resources.
- The puzzle for patrons was completed and I set out a new one.
- We received a free Dog Man event kit which we will use in future programming.
- I wrote and submitted the Bridges 2025 Library Improvement and Innovation Competitive Grant which, if successful, will contribute \$5,000 for the new hearing loop installation.
- I was featured in an article about the Library Makers Ambassador cohort that I'm a part of: <https://www.librarymakers.org/posts/meet-our-new-cohort-of-library-makers-ambassadors>

Meetings:

- 1/22: Management meeting
- 1/31: Management meeting
- 2/4: Annual review with Diane and Rachel
- 2/5: Management meeting
- 2/6: Summer Reading Program meeting
- 2/10: Library Makers meeting

Professional Development:

- Infosec – Deep Fakes
- Library Makers Ambassador Orientation
- Wild Wisconsin Winter Web Conference Sessions:
 - *Developing a Personal Cultural Humility Toolkit*
 - *Changing Leadership Styles*
 - *Out with the Old: Ditching Harmful Management Tactics*
 - *Up or Out: Smarter Ways to Get Library Employees Back on Track*
 - *Crucial Conversations*
 - *Embodied Communication*