Programming & Makerspace Librarian Report
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December 2024

Programs:

- All month: Drop-in Makerspace project -- holiday card making

- 12/4: Take & Make craft for adults – scrap fabric tree ornament (50)

- 12/11: Take & Make craft for kids – gingerbread house ornament (60)

- I am rolling out citizen science programming beginning this month, as I am now a SciStarter Ambassador. My goal is to share information about a different project each month, distributed in both print and digital formats. These projects may involve additional take/make kits and/or in-person programs outside of the library. For December, I am sharing information about the Audubon Christmas Bird Count.

Upcoming Programs:

- Month of January: Drop-in Makerspace project – needle felted stars

- 1/2: Take & Make craft for kids – snowman mitten

- 1/8: Community Helpers Storytime w/Dr. Dwight Watson (will be held at the Cravath Lake Community Center) – we will have one/month through May with a different "community helper" each month. February will feature a police officer.

- 1/13 – 2/28: Winter Reading Challenge

- 1/20: Tea of the Month Club

- Thursday evenings in February: Nature Writing Workshop with Jim Nies that will be held at Seniors in the Park

Makerspace Use

- Art supplies: 4
- 3D Printer: 2
- DVD conversion: 2
- Drop-in craft: 3
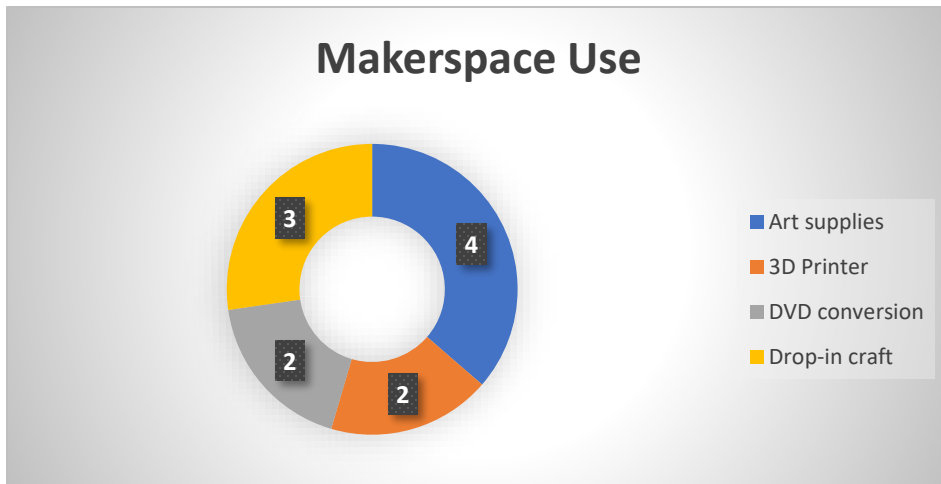
Makerspace Training Appointments: 1 hour

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

Equipment & Technology:

- Purchased 5 Speedball Block Printing Presses for the Bridges Makerspace grant.

- I have changed the training requirements for some of the Makerspace equipment. From now on, patrons will be able to use most of the makerspace equipment without required training, except for the 3D printer and the Cricut Maker, which will still require training. Patrons may still request a training session with me for any piece of equipment; however, it won't be required. This is because many people have the technical ability to simply use the equipment on their own, and I want people to be able to walk in and use something right away if they need to.

Donations:

- Received a Dungeons and Dragons Essentials Kit from Bridges

Other Updates:

- Shared Hour of Code resources on the library's social media for Computer Science Education Week (Dec. 9-15).

- Created a poster and social media campaign for Giving Tuesday to encourage library donations.

- Working on implementing the new calendar/room reservation software. I created a new tab on our website, "Reserve a Room" to make it easier for patrons to reserve rooms on their own. In addition, patrons will be able to reserve Makerspace equipment with the new system.

- Continuing to promote our digital resources on social media.

Meetings:

11/13: Management meeting

11/13: Building committee meeting

11/20: Management meeting

11/21: City Leadership committee meeting

11/27: Management meeting

12/4: Management meeting

Professional Development:

- Infosec Social Engineering, Phishing, Elections, and Social Media trainings

- *Engaging and Affirming Neurodivergent Youth in Community Spaces*, WLA webinar

- Municipal Employment Litigation training

- *Standing Up for Libraries: 2024 Election Implications and Next Steps,* ALA webinar

- SciStarter Ambassador Orientation session

- *Building Data Literacy Through Community and Citizen Science*, SciStarter training

- I received a SEWI Library Conference Scholarship for the *Lead the Way: Libraries at the Heart of Community Engagement* Conference, which I will be attending on April 21-22, 2025 in Madison