Learning & Being Creative in Public Libraries...

Public libraries have always been places where people can go to access information, to acquire knowledge, learn new skills and create projects.

With the dawn of the Computer & Internet Age public libraries expanded their offerings to patrons and became places where anyone could go to use computers and the Internet for free; and create computer based projects that they could then share with others across the globe.

And the role of offering patrons access to technology that they can use to learn and create projects has evolved in the last few years to include yet another new role – that of offering patrons designated places within public libraries where they can go to create computer & 3 D Printer projects, audio projects, video projects and even more traditional hands on projects including sewing, knitting, crafting, and scrapbooking projects.

These new creation places within public libraries are known as Makerspaces.

In keeping with the times, the Southeast Steuben County Library has just installed a Makerspace, which is called the *Creation Station*, and it is now open for business!

Creation Station Resources Include:

Technology Resources:

3 D Printer (Makerbot Replicator):

Patrons can access Makerbot, and other software, to find or create projects to print.**

Available 3 D Printer Filament colors include:

Blue

Green

Neon Pink

Red

Robin's Egg (light blue)
Lemon Drop (yellow)

Jadeite (light green)

Sparkly Blue (dark blue)

White

Audio Recording Kit: To allow patrons to record sound or music.*

Cricut Electronic Cutting Machine:

Cricut's precision cutting technology allows you to cut up to 50+ materials—and you can cut the materials into almost any shape you can think of!

Macs & Windows computers with media software: The Media Computers can be used to create a variety of audio and visual projects.

Scanners: The Creation Station offers two scanners which patrons can utilize to scan photos, slides and documents.

Video Recording Kit: This kit includes both Smart & Flip Cameras as well as lighting equipment.*

*An appointment must be made for patrons to use the Audio & Video Recording Kits.

** Patrons can create projects to be printed via the 3 D Printer. Staff will then print the projects off so they can be picked up at a later time.

Software:

The Adobe Suite

Cyberlink PowerDirector 13

Finale 2014 Music Notation Software

Garage Band

iMovie

iPhoto

Microsoft Expressions Encoder 4 & Encoder 4 Screen Capture

Makerbot Desktop

Microsoft Excel

Microsoft PowerPoint

Microsoft Publisher

Microsoft Word

Traditional Resources:

Comb Binder: The binder will allow patrons to create plastic spiral bound printed projects.

Drawing Kit: The Drawing Kit consist of drawing pencils and drawing paper.

Laminator: The laminator can be used to laminate documents, photos etc. that are letter sized (8 1/2 x 11") or smaller.

Sewing Machines & Sewing Serger:

The sewing equipment will allow patrons to create simple and fancy sewing projects.

Creation Station Training & Certification:

Patrons must receive training and be certified to use the Creation Station.

Training is available, by appointment, during Creation Station hours of operation.



Questions?

Ask the staff or contact the Creation Station Crew by email: ssclcreationstation@gmail.com

Or by telephone:

Tel: 607-936-3713 x 216 (Jenn)

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Also check out the Creation Station website found at:

ssclcreationstation.com



Creation Station Hours: Fall 2015

Mondays: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 pm.

Tuesdays: 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Thursdays: 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

The library is handicapped accessible. If you require special accommodations, please call us in advance: (607) 936-3713.



Southeast Steuben County Library Website: SSCLIBRARY.ORG





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Creation Station

The new

Southeast Steuben

County Library

Makerspace.

A place to come to

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