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Loutit District Library's brand-new Makerspace is almost here!

What is this "Makerspace"?

Shaped by community feedback, the library Makerspace is a hands-on, do-it-yourself space to explore ideas and bring them to life! Community members will be able to:

CREATE with technology, tools, and traditional art

LEARN through programs and hands-on discovery

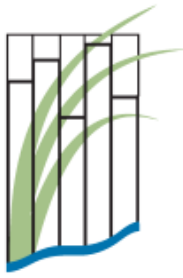
CONNECT with others and share skills

DIGITIZE photos, film, and home videos

All classes, events, and materials used during one-on-one instruction will be completely free to the public. The Makerspace was made possible through the generous donations from the Waanders Family Trust and the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation.

When can I visit the Makerspace?

Get a sneak peek at our new creative spaces at our first **Open House on Saturday, June 6, from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**, during our Grand Adventure Kick-Off Party. If you can't make that time, no problem! We have Open House hours scheduled throughout June. Patrons can visit loutitlibrary.org/calendar for times.



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Walk-in hours and equipment reservations will begin in July!

Beginning the second week in July, the Makerspace will offer the following walk-in hours:

Tuesday: 2:00 PM–7:00 PM

Wednesday & Thursday: 10:00 AM–2:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM–5:00 PM

First and third Saturdays: 10:00 AM–2:00 PM

During these hours, patrons will be able to simply walk in and use available equipment or reserve specific machines through the library's website.

Outside of these hours, the space will continue to be used for programs and one-on-one appointments focused on learning Makerspace equipment and tools.

What's Inside the Makerspace?

The Makerspace features two rooms: **The Lab** and **The Palette**.

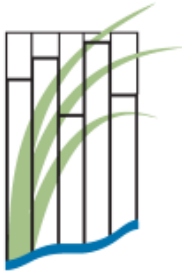
The Lab is the Makerspace's DIY technology-focused area for hands-on making and creating. Explore tools like 3D printers, sewing machines, a laser engraver, a media digital conversion station, and more!

The Palette is the Makerspace's art studio, a dedicated space for hands-on creativity and traditional crafting. Use a range of tools to explore, experiment, and create on your own or with others. It's a welcoming space for hands-on making, artistic expression, and shared creativity.

"...And More!"

For local creatives who want more detail about the technology in the space, please see below:

- 3D Printer: **Bambu Lab H2D** with 2 AMS to print up to 8 colors of PLA at the same time with less waste
- Laser Engraver: **xTool P2S 55W Desktop CO2** with a rotary tool for tumblers!



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- Sublimation Printer: **Epson SureColor F170** with a mug/tumbler press and heat press for shirts, puzzles, totes and more!
- **6 Babylock Zest** Sewing Machines for public use whether it be for classes or usage within the makerspace on their own project.
- Large Format Printer: **HP DesignJet Z9 24"** 9 color inks for digital fine art, event graphics, displays, posters, banners, and more!
- Large Format Laminator: **GBC Ultima 65 Thermal Roll Laminator 27"**
- **Cricut Maker 3**: Use to cut out words and designs on paper, cardstock, vinyl, sticker paper, felt, fabric, etc.
- Inkjet Printer: **Epson EcoTank 8550** for all creative printing from borderless photos up to 13" x 19", stickers, business cards, greeting cards, etc.
- **ChompSaw**: A kid-safe power tool that is like a table saw for cutting cardboard to make some neat cardboard creations
- **LEGO Education Computer Science & AI Kits** for grades 3-5 and 6-8: Hands-on and safe learning for coding and AI with defined lessons and objectives.
- **Buddha Boards**: An artistic tool for mindful creation. Paint on its surface with water; designs appear and then gently fade as the water evaporates.
- **Art-O-Mat®**: Refurbished cigarette vending machine that distributes varying handmade art from a selection of 22 rotating small artists! **\$5 each*