

# HOW WE CREATED A CROWD-FUNDED MAKERSPACE

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## Who are your students/patrons?

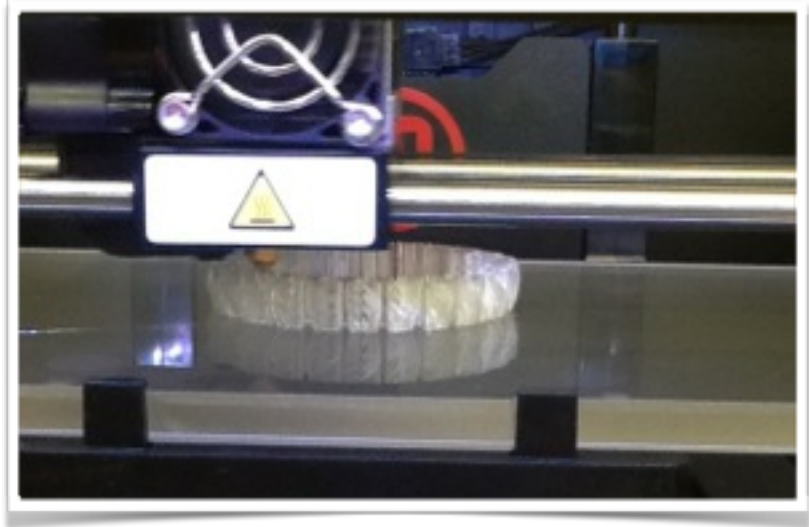
- How many?
- Economic status
- What services does your library provide?
- Facts!

## What do you need?

- Item/event
- Cost
- Long term maintenance
- Staff. Who is going to run your program(s)?

## How will this benefit your students/patrons?

- How many students/patrons?
- How will this benefit your community?



## Makerspaces

Creating a Makerspace in your school or library is a big project. You have to think about what tools and supplies you need to create one, who will teach classes, and how can you maintain interest and supplies in your space.

Creating a Makerspace and connecting projects to your school's curriculum is easy. Between STEM, 21st century skills, or in an after school club there are plenty of ways to integrate a Makerspace into your school.



## **Tell everyone about your fundraising!**

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The key to receiving donors is simply by informing them!

- Email your staff to post/share your link on their social media pages.
- Create social media accounts for this fundraising activity.
- Social Media: share your link and don't forget to @ companies/persons who are associated with your goal.
- Create a unique #hashtag
- Email your staff to post/share your link on their social media pages.
- Post your link on your website.

## **Contact Information**

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## *Get Inspired!*

- Visit another library's Makerspace
- Attend NJ Makers Day [www.NJMakersDay.org](http://www.NJMakersDay.org)
- Participate in Google's Maker Camp [www.MakerCamp.com](http://www.MakerCamp.com)
- Make It @ Your Library [www.MakeItAtYourLibrary.org](http://www.MakeItAtYourLibrary.org)
- Create a Pinterest board. Below is a great sample [www.Pinterest.com/cari\\_young/library-makerspaces/](http://www.Pinterest.com/cari_young/library-makerspaces/)
- Connect with a local Robotics Team
- Check out projects on [www.MakeZine.com](http://www.MakeZine.com) and [www.Instructables.com](http://www.Instructables.com)
- Real classroom lessons and webinars for teachers [www.ConnectedLearning.TV](http://www.ConnectedLearning.TV)
- [www.MakerEd.Org](http://www.MakerEd.Org) has a great resource library
- [www.InstituteofPlay.org](http://www.InstituteofPlay.org) has downloadable PDF activity packets that can help guide you through integrating Makerspaces into your classroom.

## *Crowd-funding Websites*

[www.DonorsChoose.Org](http://www.DonorsChoose.Org)

[www.KickStarter.com](http://www.KickStarter.com)

[www.GoFundMe.com](http://www.GoFundMe.com)

[www.AdoptAClassroom.org](http://www.AdoptAClassroom.org)

[www.KnightFoundation.com](http://www.KnightFoundation.com)

Online Fundraising with PayPal

<https://www.paypal.com/webapps/mpp/fundraising>