Making It At Cornell University Library: Developing the CUL Makerspace

Jeremy Cusker
Cornell University

Follow this and additional works at: https://surface.syr.edu/nyscilib

Recommended Citation
https://surface.syr.edu/nyscilib/80

This Poster is brought to you for free and open access by SURFACE. It has been accepted for inclusion in Upstate New York Science Librarians Conference by an authorized administrator of SURFACE. For more information, please contact surface@syr.edu.
Makerspaces, sometimes also referred to as hackerspaces, hackspaces, and fablabs are creative... spaces where people can gather to create, invent, and learn...


Why in a library?
• Library already a place of knowledge creation
• New technology and new educational curricula break down distinction between thinking, writing, and creating physical things

Goals and Development Process
• Surveyed the ‘landscape’ of making at Cornell, in Ithaca & beyond
• Reviewed literature and examples of makerspaces in libraries, esp. at universities

General Findings
• Users in specific programs, classes, organizations already had access to existing makerspaces
• Usually with expert staffing
• Possible open niche in the market for a makerspace for introductory, non-specialist audience

Challenges To Date:
• Time commitment
• Back to the world of ‘stuff’: Equipment wears out, consumables consumed
• Poor attendance at many events
• Steep learning curve for staff
• Difficulty creating new jobs & titles for staff
• Difficulty funding and operating a makerspace

Phase 1 (spring 2016): Mobile Makerspace
• Poster created by Jeremy Cusker

Phase 2 (fall 2016 - spring 2017):
• MannYoufacture "closet" makerspace (Mann = Mann Library)

Phase 3 (late fall 2017):
• MannYoufacture permanent makerspace (in process)

Thanks to: Camille Andrews, Sara Wright, J. McKee
Poster created by Jeremy Cusker

Developing the CUL Makerspace
Making it At Cornell University Library:
‘Make’ means creating physical things
Poster created by Jeremy Cusker

Poster created by Jeremy Cusker

Thanks to: Camille Andrews, Sara Wright

Poster created by Jeremy Cusker

Thanks to: Camille Andrews, Sara Wright