



### The MCFL Makerspace Story

# Background

- Initial Funding
- Team Formation
- Outreach Efforts to Staff
- Staff Interest
- Staff Support

# Another word about the budget...

### **Team Formation**

- Mix of personalities
- Mix of dominant skill sets
- Overlap of creativity, enthusiasm, and belief in the importance of providing learning-through-playand-creativity opportunities
- Team Norms

# Outreach Efforts to Staff

- Makerspace Planning Worksheet
- Staff Makerspace Survey
- Introductory PowerPoint
- Branch Visit
- Demonstration
- Support



at MCFL

#### Can be just about anything we want it to be...

...as long as it meets the interests of our patrons...

...and matches the staff, space, and budget available.



# Let's look at just a few of the options available.

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**❖ Boomwhackers:** <a href="http://boomwhackers.com/">http://boomwhackers.com/</a> **\$10-\$150** 



❖ iPad apps for music instruction: <a href="https://www.educatorstechnology.com/2014/02/30-ipad-apps-for-music-teachers.html">https://www.educatorstechnology.com/2014/02/30-ipad-apps-for-music-teachers.html</a>

**\$Varies (some free)** 

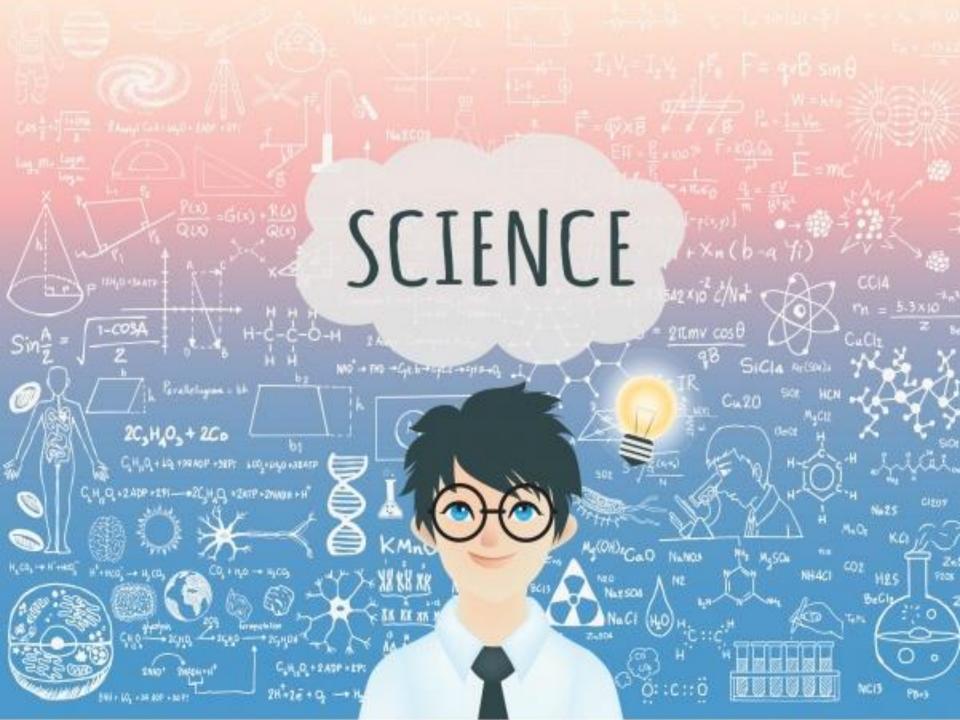


❖ I Can Make Musical Instruments: <a href="https://www.amazon.com/Make-Musical-Instruments-Makerspace-Projects/dp/1477756434/ref=sr\_1\_5?ie=UTF8&qid=1524081244&sr=8-5&keywords=makerspace+music">https://www.amazon.com/Make-Musical-Instruments-Makerspace-Projects/dp/1477756434/ref=sr\_1\_5?ie=UTF8&qid=1524081244&sr=8-5&keywords=makerspace+music</a>

\$11.75 + materials

Wacom Intuos Pen Tablets: <a href="https://www.wacom.com/en-us/products/pen-tablets?gclid=EAlalQobChMlv\_frxM3E2glVC8JkCh0J1gjDEAAYASAAEgKQNfD\_BwE">https://www.wacom.com/en-us/products/pen-tablets?gclid=EAlalQobChMlv\_frxM3E2glVC8JkCh0J1gjDEAAYASAAEgKQNfD\_BwE</a>





Give the Freedom to EXPLORE with a Makerspace

- Sphero
- **❖**GoPro
- **❖** Video Toolbox
- Snap Circuits
- **❖** Makey Makey



#### Sphero

- Learn about robots
- Learn programming using accompanying apps
- Conduct math experiments
- Force and motion experiments

\$125



Watch Video



#### GoPro

- Explore the world around you
- Make documentaries
- Recording sessions

\$99 - \$500





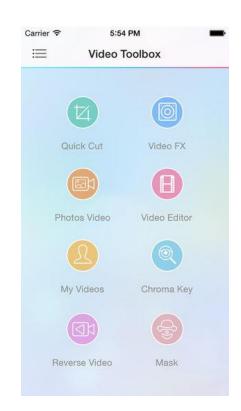


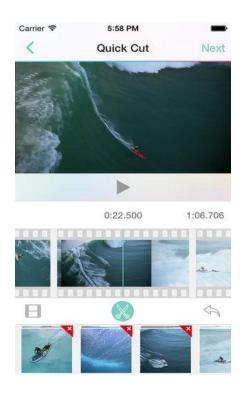


#### Video Toolbox App

- Green Screen magic tool
- ❖iPad app
- **❖**Easy to use
- Can be used with a simple blue or green cloth

\$5 on iTunes





#### **Snap Circuits**

- ❖ AWARDS: The National Parenting Center Seal of Approval, Dr. Toy 100 Best Children's Products, Dr. Toy Best Educational Products
- Contains over 60 Snap-Together parts. Build over 300 exciting projects
- ❖ Build a Radio, Doorbell, burglar alarm and more
- ❖ No Tools required

Watch Video

\$50 - \$150



#### Makey Makey

- Turn everyday objects like bananas into touchpads!
- Connect the world around you to your computer!Setup takes just seconds.
- Just plug, clip, and play! No programing knowledge needed.
- ❖ 1,000s of possibilities! Draw your own game controller! Dance like never before!
- ❖ No software to install. Works with Mac and Windows.





What makes a makerspace is not how complex and state-of-the-art the technology or machinery is within its walls - if there even are walls. It's the attitude behind it. A makerspace is a place where trying something new is encouraged, and failure is not a bad word, as long as you learned something.

## **Mission Statement**

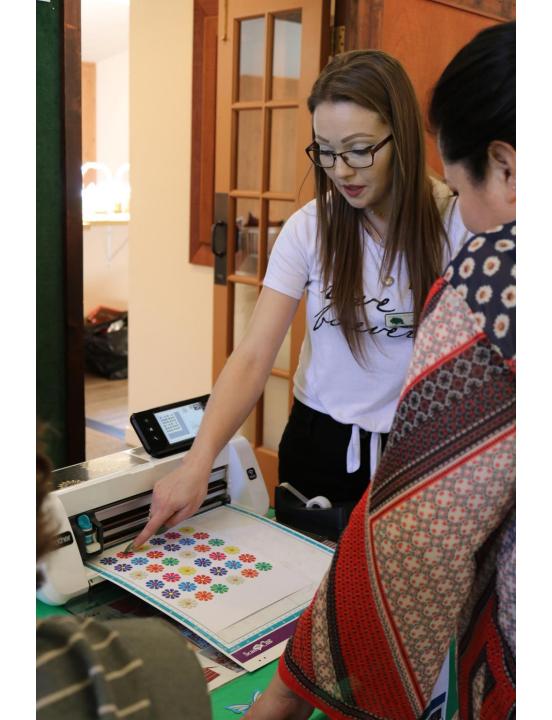
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# What Does an *MCFL*Makerspace Look Like?





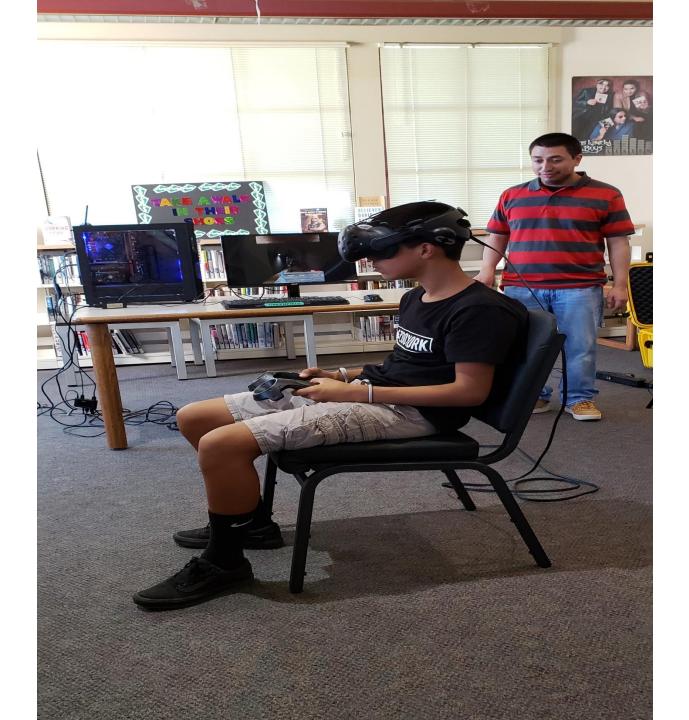












# Valentines Day Light-Up Craft









# Where Do We Go From Here?

## **Encouragement**

- Think about what your patrons want and find interesting.
- Think about what your staff, volunteers, space, and budget resources will allow.
- The best result will occur if you capture the imagination and spark the creativity of staff first because they will share their enthusiasm with the public.

### Thank You.

## Questions?