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Library Hours: M-TH: 9AM-8PM

FRI-SAT: 9AM-7PM

SUN: 1PM-7PM

Scott County Public Library Makerspace Soft Open FAQ for Patrons

***Everything is subject to change**

Q: What IS the Makerspace? What can be done in there?

The Makerspace is a space for patron creation. We supply the space and most of the hardware, but the patrons are the designers. At our soft open, we will have 4 stations:

- Two Bambu Labs 3D Printers, where you can 3D print your own items.
- A Book Binding Station, where you can mend (at soft open) and bind your own books/zines (coming later).
- A Cricut Machine, where you can load designs and cut them out on various materials. Single color vinyl will be available first and we will expand as we get more experience with it.
- 3 Sizes of Button Makers. 1", 2.25", 3".

We will eventually expand to more stations and announce those as they come about, but these are the four things that we will be starting with.

Q: When is the Makerspace open?

To start, we are going to **be open for 4 hours on SOME Mondays/Wednesdays, typically from 9a-1p (hours subject to change)**. The weeks we won't be open are the ones where all the Tech Staff is not here. The best way to check if we are open is to give us a call the day you want to come in. (Similar to notary availability, Makerspace availability cannot be guaranteed). Specific Makerspace questions can be answered by Tech Staff, so press 3 when you call in to ring the Tech Desk, or email us at techdepartment@scottpublib.org. The Makerspace has capacity for 11 people maximum, so 10 patrons plus a Staff Member, and currently we only really support about 8 patrons comfortably with the number of chairs in the room. This number includes children of any age.

Q: What ages can be in the Makerspace: (Excerpt answer taken from the Makerspace Policy page)

7. Patrons under the age of 18 must have their required waiver signed by their parent or guardian.

8. Patrons must be at least 16 years old to operate equipment independently, and only the individual who has signed the required waiver is authorized to use that equipment. Juveniles between the ages of 8 and 15 *must have a signed waiver and an adult present in the Makerspace at all times* to supervise and monitor the child using the equipment.

Q: Can we walk in and use the Makerspace during Open hours or do we need to call and schedule?

Yes, you can walk in! Someone will staff the Makerspace every hour it is open. Walk-in patrons can receive an in-person orientation on a specific machine and get a notation on our internal spreadsheet that they are familiar with that equipment for future uses. Waivers and any other additional paperwork will be completed through our website or QR code sign up inside the Makerspace, and patrons can request a printed paper copy of the completed paperwork (at no charge) if they wish.

Q: What are the prices for things?

- **3D printing - .10 cents per gram**, (same price as drop off 3D prints). Prints will be weighed upon completion to determine weight of a successful print. No charge for print fails, but if the print fails twice we will not continue to try printing it. A "Successful print" is defined as any print that a patron will take home and not end up in the trash.
- **Buttons – 1” - .20 cents each**
2.25” - .30 cents each
3” - .50 cents each
- **Book Binding – varies between \$.50-\$1 for each.**

Cricut – Permanent Vinyl Sheet 12”x12” - .60 cents / each

Heat Transfer Vinyl (12"X12") – \$1.00 / each

Transfer Tape Sheet (12"x12") - .50 cents / each

Any other material you bring in to use yourself – ie: special Cricut paper, your own zine pages, can be used for no charge in the Makerspace.

Q: Can I use credit from my Lexington Public Library Makerspace account here? (Lex Pub Lib gives their patrons an \$8 credit every month to use)

No, we are a completely separate library system from Lexington.

Q: Can I bring in my own PLA/other filament for 3D Printing?

No. You can suggest 3D printing filament colors to be added to our offerings using any suggestion box, but we cannot guarantee we will be able to add them. All the 3D print filament we currently use has been tested and compatible with our printers.

Q: Can I bring in my own Cricut materials?

Yes, you can bring in your own Cricut materials and use them in our machine for no charge.

Q: Can I drop off something and pick it up later?

The Makerspace is a space for active patron creation. The staff will assist with machines when needed, but are not graphic designers, artists-for-hire, or poster creator/button makers. All created work is made by patrons with guidance from Staff, when asked for help.

Email/call with any other questions to TechDepartment@scottpublib.org and we will do our best to answer promptly.