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MAKER DAY

IMPACT REPORT



2026



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IMAGINE *What's Possible*



39.4%

Increase in Library Visitors



1,015

Participants and Observers
at All Stations

Maker Day supported the Library's strategic vision by showcasing what's possible in a modern library, a space that fosters creativity, supports lifelong learning, and provides access to innovative tools and experiences. The event created space for the community to engage directly with hands-on making and explore ways the Library can serve as a center for creation, learning, and connection in the future.





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VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY



CONNECTING GENERATIONS

A family with kids shared that if the Library had a recording studio available all of the time, they would bring their parents in to record their life stories, so they could be preserved and shared with the younger generations of the family.



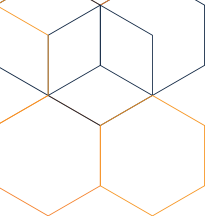
LEARNING NEW SKILLS

A visitor shared that they had checked out a sewing machine multiple times from the *Library of Things* but had never really known how to use it. With guidance and the chance to practice, they finally got the hang of it at Maker Day and was absolutely delighted.



I mostly use the library to borrow books, music or movies. I was pleasantly surprised to see all the maker stuff available. I'll definitely be using some of it in the future.





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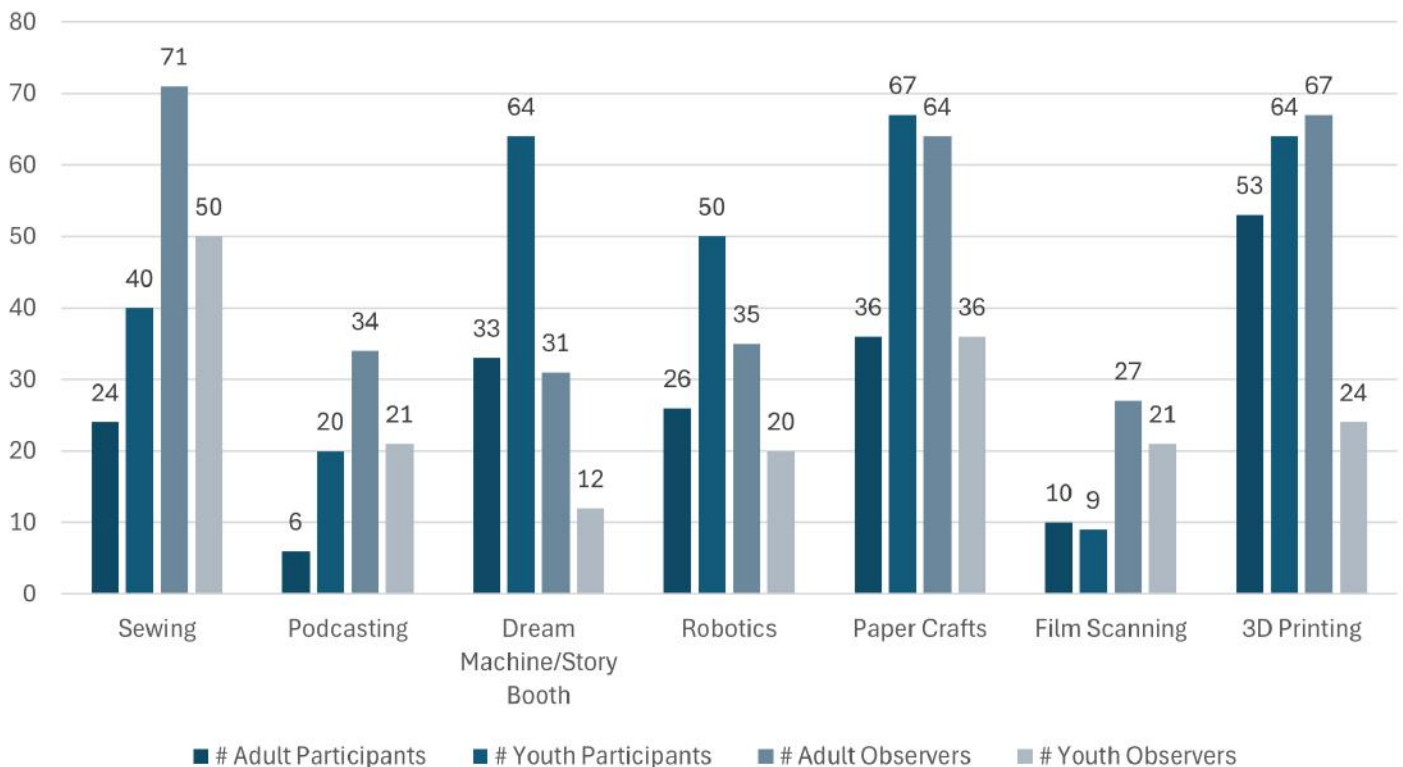
502

ALL STATION PARTICIPANTS

513

ALL STATION OBSERVERS

Participants and Observers at Each Station





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SATISFACTION

AVERAGE SATISFACTION
4.2
★★★★★

SEWING
4.4
★★★★★



ROBOTICS
4.3
★★★★★



PAPER CRAFTS
4.3
★★★★★



3D PRINTING
4.6
★★★★★



FILM SCANNING
4.1
★★★★★



PODCASTING
3.9
★★★



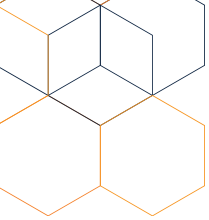
STORY BOOTH
4.0
★★★★★




83 **PASSPORTS RETURNED**



HIGHEST RATED
4.6
★★★★★



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DREAMS



60

Dream Bubbles Completed

10

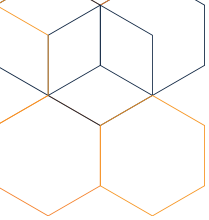
Video Testimonials

Respondents shared a wide range of ideas for library spaces and programs. Key themes include hands-on learning and creative opportunities like 3D printers, maker space, crafts, STEAM activities, spaces for children and teens including play areas, cozy reading nooks, teen spaces, technology, community and social spaces, and outdoor areas.



A bigger, newer library with more space and a children's space that is not in the basement. More natural light for kids!





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FEEDBACK

92%

Respondents rated access to creative and innovation tools as highly valuable.



SHOULD THE LIBRARY PRIORITIZE A MAKER SPACE IN FUTURE PLANS?

6 NO VOTES WERE RECEIVED



This was the BEST library programming I have ever experienced!!! Thank you!





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IMAGINATION TO INNOVATION

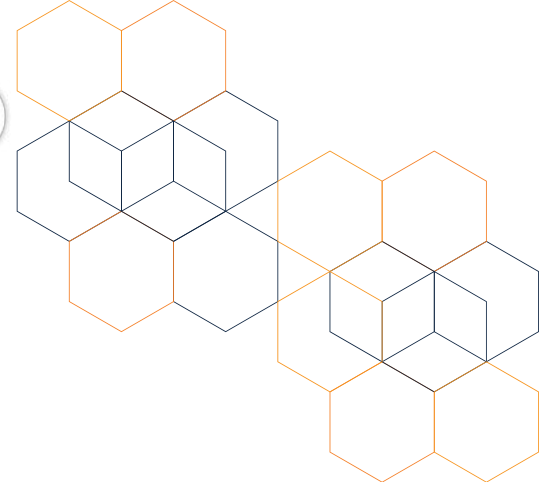
A parent of young children commented that he would love to see a Library robotics club or open maker lab where his kids could learn and create.



PRESERVING HISTORY

A participant brought in a box of slides from her time in the Peace Corps in the 1960s. She was able to scan a portion of the slides, and made an appointment with a Librarian to digitize the rest using *Library of Things* equipment.

I would love a space for my kids to play that is sort of STEM focused and more imaginative.



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FEEDBACK

88%

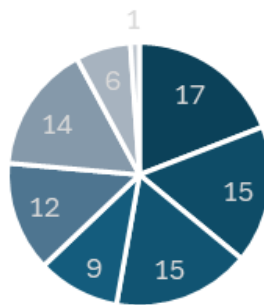
Respondents are currently Library users.



Respondents identified **children and teens** as the groups who would benefit the most from future space improvements. The majority are **working professionals and/or parents of young children**. Books remain the dominant reason people visit the Library.



Tools for the Future



- 3D printing
- Sewing and textile equipment
- Coding / robotics tools
- Community test kitchen
- Laser cutting / fabrication tools
- Audio or video recording studio
- Art studio space
- I'm not sure





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Maker Day highlighted the Library's potential as a hub for creativity, learning, and hands-on exploration within the limits of our current space. Looking ahead, we welcome community input to shape the next phase of maker experiences and modern library spaces that meet the evolving needs of our community



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