

# Learn, Discover & Create: Introducing "Maker Days" at the Monroe County Public Library

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Bloomington, Ind.-- Monroe County Public Library presents ***Maker Days***, two months of do-it-yourself themed programs promoting learning through exploring, tinkering, and creating. There will be programs at the Main library and Ellettsville branch for a wide variety of ages?fourth grade through adult?to learn, discover, and create with Maker experts from the community.

Makers embody the culture of "do-it-yourself" projects; a form of expression that may be high tech or low tech, with the purpose of turning ideas into tangible objects. According to Jenett Tillotson, a founding member of Bloominglabs, "Making empowers people with the knowledge to engage with the objects around them rather than being passive consumers." Maker Days provides a hand-on introduction to the Maker movement.

Monroe County Public Library's Maker Days programs will allow participants to take part in several fun projects, including wearable electronics, architectural model making, web-hacking, zine-making, stop motion animation, creating homemade speakers from everyday objects, and a demonstration of a local "Fabrication Lab" at Indiana University. Brochures are available at the Main Library, Ellettsville Branch and the bookmobile and online at <http://mcpl.info/makerdays>. All programs are free. For information about registering, call 349-3228 or visit the website.

The Maker Days series is made possible by funding from the Friends of the Library and is a partnership between Monroe County Public Library and maker experts from around our community: Bloominglabs, Ivy Tech Community College, the Henry Radford Hope School of Fine Arts - Indiana University, and the Project School.

Please contact the library at 349-3050 if you have any questions or comments.

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