

FAC-13 Maker Studio

Policy

Warren-Trumbull County Public Library's Maker Studio empowers our community's creators, hobbyists, and entrepreneurs to pursue their creative, artistic, and educational goals with technology and hands-on learning. This space provides access to cutting-edge equipment for free or at little cost to patrons, in order to encourage exploration and enhance lives.

Regulations:

- The Maker Studio is available to W-TCPL cardholders in good standing, ages 16 and older. Children/teens under age 16 must be actively supervised by an adult (parent/guardian/caregiver) at all times.
- Appointments are preferred in order to reserve time with each piece of equipment. Equipment that has not been reserved may be available for walk-in use on a first-come, first-served basis, and based on library staff availability. Use of equipment for library purposes may take priority over public use.
- Patrons must complete an orientation session with a library staff member and sign a waiver before using equipment. The Maker Studio contains equipment with risks including, but not limited to: rotating and moving machinery; sharp tools and blades; hot objects; and eye, lung, and trip hazards. Patrons use the Maker Studio at their own risk.
- The Maker Studio is free to use, but some equipment requires library-supplied materials with a cost as follows:
 - 3D printing: \$.25 per 15 minutes of printing, with a maximum print time of 10 hours
 - 1.5" Buttons: \$.50 per button
 - Laminating: \$.50 per page, maximum size 8.5"x11"
 - Standard printing fees are the same as at all other W-TCPL locations: \$.10 per black and white page, \$.25 per color page; first ten pages are free each day
- Some equipment requires materials supplied by the patron; patron-supplied materials are subject to approval by library staff to ensure safe operation of equipment.
- The Maker Studio is not responsible for the quality or condition of created items and any materials fees paid will not be refunded in the event the patron is dissatisfied with the finished item.
- Maker Studio equipment is best used for prototyping and creating limited numbers of items, rather than for mass production. W-TCPL reserves the right to limit equipment use as needed.
- Patrons must save any electronic files on their own storage media or cloud storage; library computers and devices will delete all patron files after each session.
- Maker Studio staff can assist in teaching patrons how to use equipment and software to the best of their ability, but cannot be expected to design or produce projects.
- Patrons are responsible for any loss, damage, or clean-up expense of library equipment or property; the library is not responsible for any damage, loss, or theft of the patron's property.
- Patrons must comply with all safety regulations as written and explained in orientation.

- Maker Studio equipment may not be used to create materials that are illegal or may be construed as obscene under section 2907.07, or harmful to juveniles under section 2907.31 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- Maker Studio equipment may not be used to create objects that may be construed as having intent to harm, including weapons of any kind or parts/components of weapons.
- Compliance with copyright laws is the responsibility of the patron. Further information about copyright law may be found at the U.S. Copyright Office's website: www.copyright.gov
- Use of the Maker Studio can be restricted for patrons who do not follow these or any/all other library policies.

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