THE OPPORTUNITY

ENHANCE STEAM SKILLS & REACH THE UNDERSERVED

Out-of-school learning activities provide a unique opportunity to positively impact our youth. Libraries, located in rural communities, provide free access to all which makes them ideal settings for STEAM learning.

OUR MODEL

The Idaho Commission for Libraries develops innovative and relevant projects to make our libraries strong community anchors and meet the changing needs of their customers. Doing this year-long project activities are designed to:

ENSURE SHARED RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUCCESS

SHARE BEST PRACTICES

PROVIDE EXTENSIVE HANDS-ON TRAINING

BUILD STATEWIDE NETWORK OF LIBRARY MENTORS

BUILD SUSTAINABILITY

NEW IN 2015

PILOTING TWO SCHOOL LIBRARIES

LESSONS LEARNED

Not everything goes as smoothly as planned. Sometimes 3D printers fail, robots walk the wrong way, and bananas don’t make a sound. Despite all that, here’s what we’ve learned:

TRAINING IS CRITICAL TO SUCCESS

FOCUS ON PROCESS NOT PRODUCT

IT’S NOT ALL ABOUT THE TOOLS

MAKING CAN HAPPEN ANYWHERE

NATIONAL

Twenty-one libraries across the state are activity making with a variety of ages in diverse settings. Our unique statewide approach, which is characterized by making and building, allows for the design process to gain real-world attention and led to numerous presentation opportunities.

LOCAL

OUR IMPACT

The Makers’ Movement is on the rise! www.makersmovement.com

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