

# Building Idaho Makers A Statewide Approach

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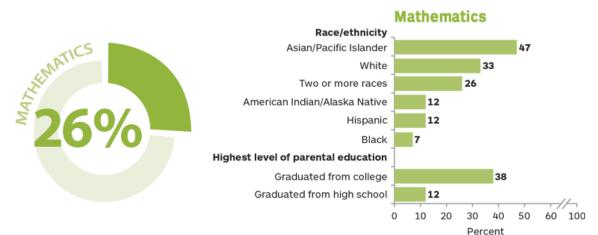


### Our Why

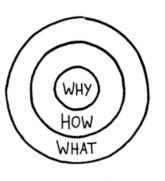
#### Percentage of students at or above the Proficient level in 2013

#### OVERALL

#### SELECTED STUDENT GROUPS



#### The Golden Circle



Sinek, Inc.

#### What

Every organization on the planet knows WHAT they do. These are products they sell or the services they offer.

#### How

Some organizations know HOW they do it. These are the things that make them special or set them apart from their competition.

#### Why

Very few organizations know WHY they do what they do. WHY is not about making money. That's a result. It's a purpose, cause or belief. It's the very reason your organization exists.











## A Dual Approach

#### A Statewide Approach Builds:

- A network of mentors to support growth & expansion
- A cohesive understanding of maker philosophy & culture
- Partnerships for leveraging buying power & support
- Recognizable and consistent branding



#### **Local Level Approach:**

- Encourages independence in meeting their community's needs
- Provides real-world feedback to guide overall project
- Shares best practices with a wider audience



# Idaho Making... Start with Teens

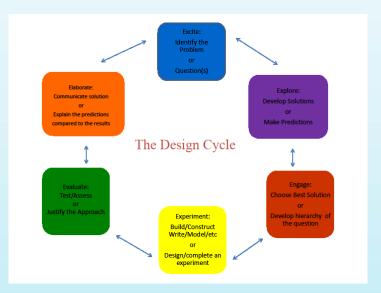












### Training is KEY!

- Foundational work
- Hands-on with real tools
- Responsive to needs
- Relevant to outcomes







And Builds Support







# Formal Programs



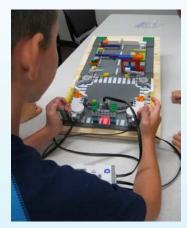
Bridge Challenge Structural Engineering & Critical Thinking

Life-Size Angry Birds Fosters Creativity!



Fischertechnik <sup>®</sup> Carnival Ride Explores Force & Gravity

LEGO<sup>®</sup> Pinball Machines Use Levers







Zhu-Zhu Pet Battles
Involved Problem Solving



Meet the Sheep!

# Not Just Technology!

All about shearing





Washing wool



Final product!

### Re-Cycle and Re-Use!

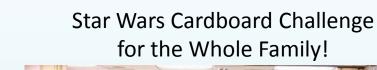
**Boat Race Challenge** 



2013/



#### Respond to Community Needs





MakerCon

Young Makers in N. Idaho

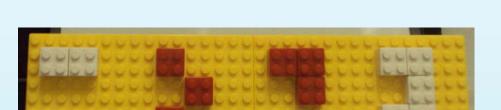




Maker Kits for Check-Out



# Stealth Programming



Write your name in Braille using bricks...



Challenge: Build model, snap a picture, post information, be entered to win!





# Stealthier...







### Makers Not Spaces...



Develop makers...the space will come!

Any place can be a maker space!

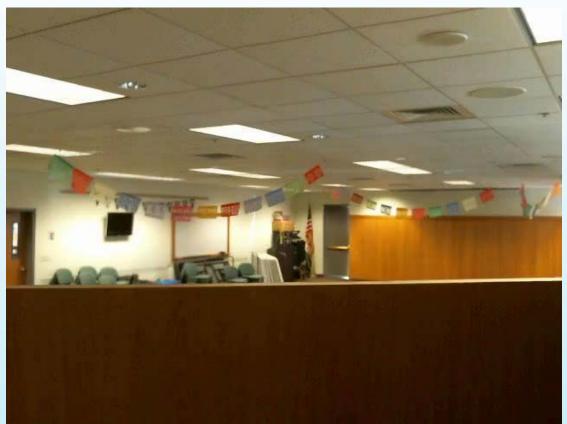






Temporary Makerspaces

https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=3iZP7Eujgjk







# Evaluation – A work in progress

- Pre & post survey for teen participants
  - Skill acquisition, attitudinal and behavioral changes
- Reports from libraries
  - Program details, attendance, partnerships, marketing, attitudinal changes, space planning, next steps

#### **Innovation**

**Engagement**Intentionality



### **High Points**

- Staff gained confidence & expertise
- Encouraged new thinking about:
  - ✓ Space
  - ✓ Collections
  - ✓ Programming

- Expanding beyond the library
- Developing our "brand"
- Embracing innovation
- Building strong partnerships

#### Impact in 2013 Year One...

4,650 teens engaged through outreach 3,585 attended library programs 18 partnerships through 66 events





#### Year Two Plan

#### Replicate Year One Format

- Same Tools
- Same Training
- Same Expectations

#### Returning libraries:

- Get additional staff trained
- Act as mentors for new libraries
- Have freedom to choose new tools and materials







### National Focus & Support

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
IMLS Hosts Library Stakeholder Meeting May 15 at San Francisco Public Library

Experts to discuss how library spaces are changing to adapt to new learning models

IMLS will release a revised National Leadership Grant application this summer that will reflect the priorities identified during these meetings.





### Spreading the Word

- Facebook: www.facebook.com/MakeItIdaho
- Website: libraries.idaho.gov/make-it-idaho

