



Building Idaho Makers

A Statewide Approach

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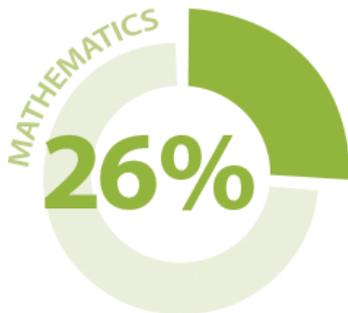
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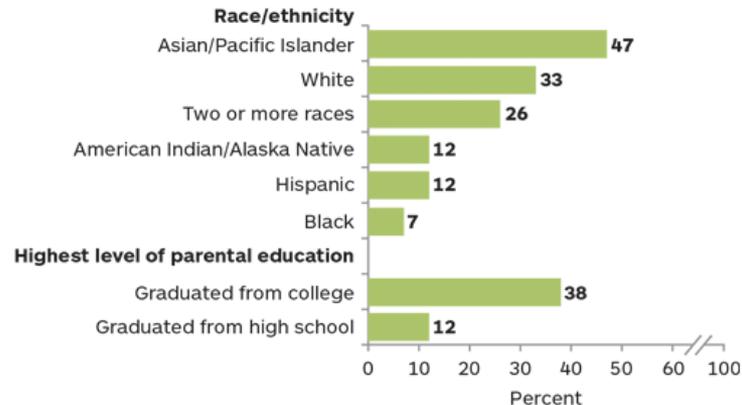
Percentage of students at or above the *Proficient* level in 2013

OVERALL



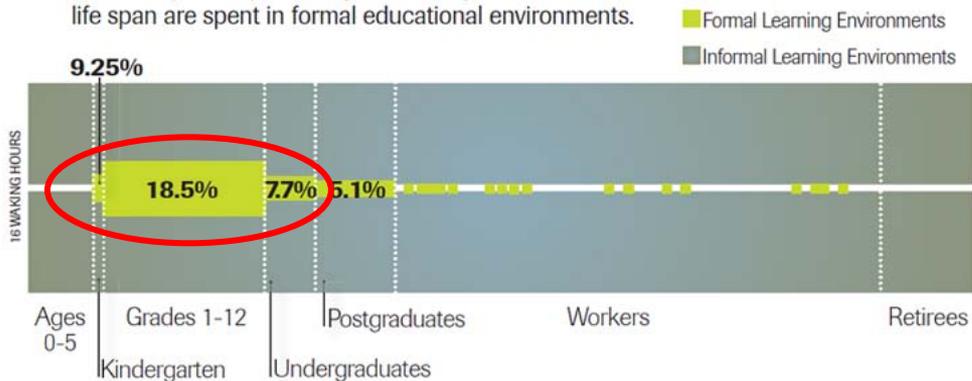
SELECTED STUDENT GROUPS

Mathematics



LIFELONG LEARNING

A relatively small percentage of waking hours across the life span are spent in formal educational environments.

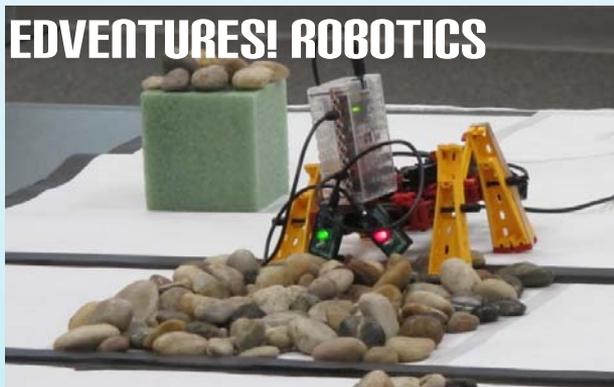
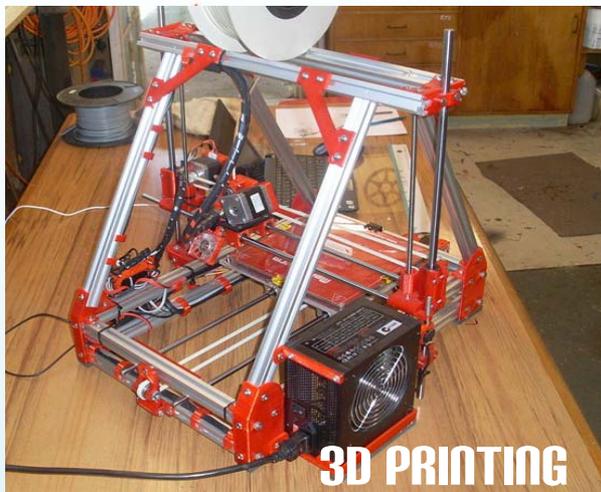


Our Why





Idaho Making... Start with Teens





Formal Programs



Bridge Challenge
Structural Engineering & Critical Thinking

LEGO® Pinball Machines Use Levers



Life-Size Angry Birds
Fosters Creativity!



Zhu-Zhu Pet Battles
Involved Problem Solving

Fischertechnik® Carnival Ride
Explores Force & Gravity



Not Just Technology!



Meet the Sheep!

All about shearing



Washing wool



Final product!

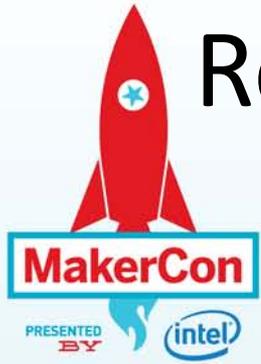
Re-Cycle and Re-Use!



Boat Race Challenge



Problem-Solving, Innovation, & Creativity



Respond to Community Needs

Star Wars Cardboard Challenge
for the Whole Family!



Young Makers in
N. Idaho



Maker Kits for
Check-Out

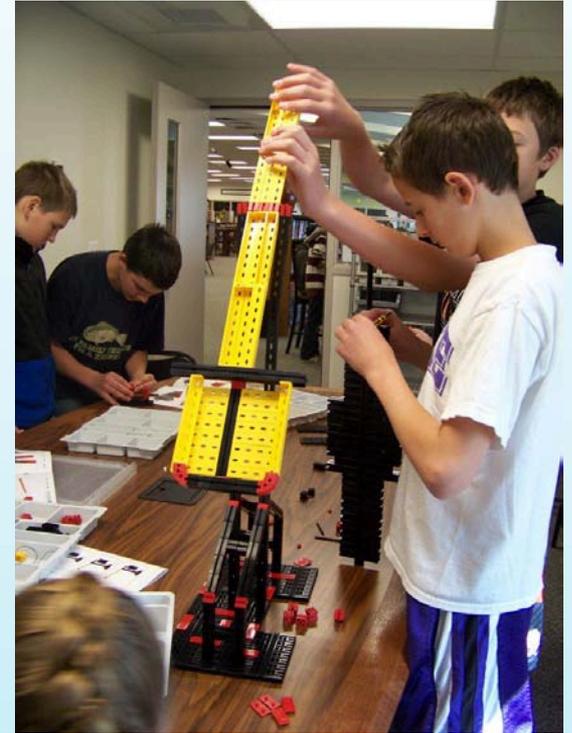


Makers Not Spaces...

Any place can be a maker space!



Develop makers...the space will come!





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



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