BUILDING IDAHO MAKERS A STATEWIDE APPROACH

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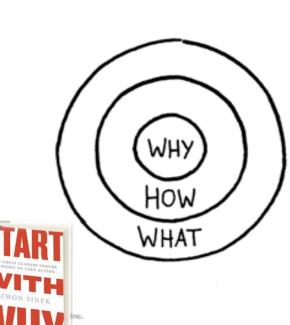
WHAT'S YOUR EXPERIENCE?

Maker Faire





WHAT'S OUR



The Golden Circle

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

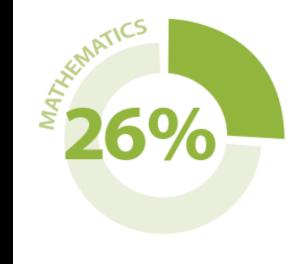
Very few organizations know WHY they do what they do. WHY is not about making money. That's a result. It's a purpose, cause or belief. It's the very reason your organization exists.

THE REALITY

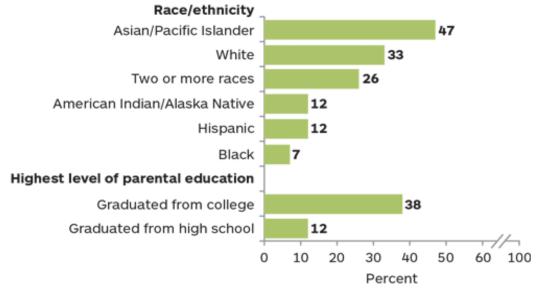
Percentage of students at or above the Proficient level in 2013

OVERALL

SELECTED STUDENT GROUPS



Mathematics

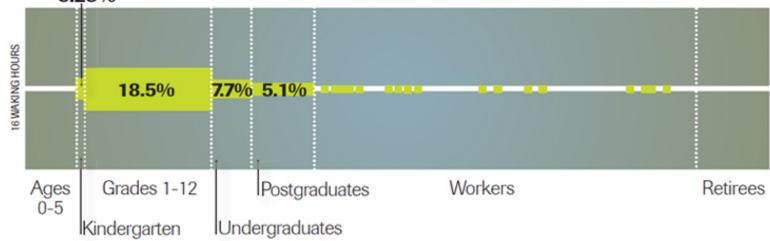


OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME

LIFELONG LEARNING

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

Formal Learning Environments



9.25%

Only 8.4 million K-12 children

participate in after school programs. 18.5 million would participate if a quality program were available in their community. (Afterschool Alliance, 2009)

Over 15 million school-age children

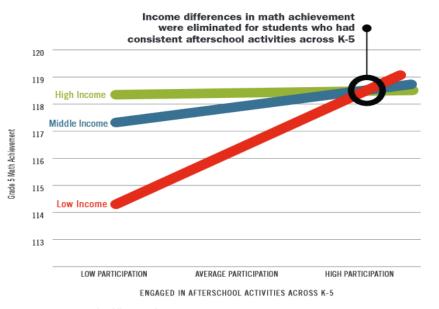
are on their own after school. Among them, more than 1 million are in grades K-5. (Afterschool Alliance, 2009)



NEW RESEARCH SHOWS Afterschool Is a Real Solution Linked to Closing the Gap

Afterschool Participation Narrows the Math Achievement Gap¹

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT



 Pierce, K. M., Auger, A. and Vandell, D. L. (April, 2013). Narrowing the Achievement Gap: Consistency and Intensity of Structured Activities During Elementary School. Unpublished paper presented at the Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting, Seattle, WA. New research demonstrates that more consistent time spent in afterschool activities during the elementary school years is linked to narrowing the gap in math achievement at grade 5.

What the data indicate:

When afterschool participation is highly consistent, there is no gap in low-income and high-income children's math achievement at grade 5

 The more consistent the afterschool participation, the narrower the gap in math achievement

The more rarely students participate in afterschool activities, the wider the achievement gap



WE NEED TO COOK!







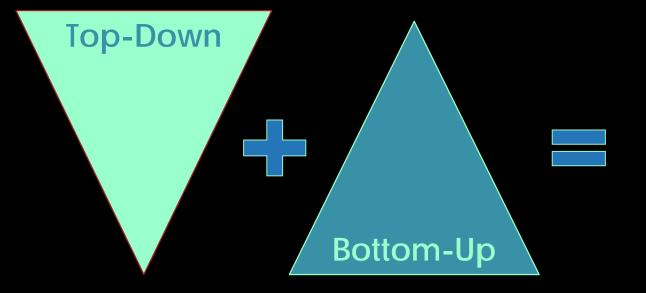
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Year 2



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A DUAL APPROACH





BUILDING BLOCKS

Collaboration

Mentors

Evaluation Tools

On-Going Support

Making Kits & Materials

Focused, Hands-On Training

START WITH TEENS



3D PRINTING & DESIGN

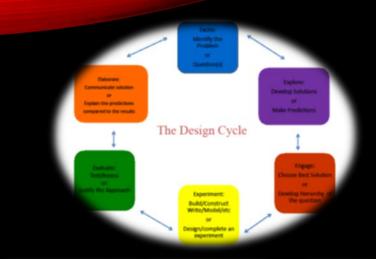






FISCHERTECHNIK®





TRAINING IS KEY!

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









OUTSIDE SOURCES FOR FUNDING AND IDEAS

BRING IN OUTSIDE HELP!











Instead of asking people for money... ask them to donate their time.

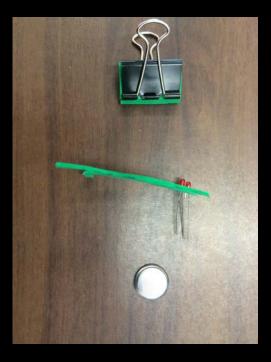


USE WHAT YOU HAVE!





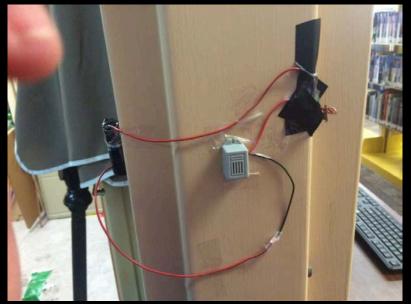
PORTNEUF PROGRAMS!





Light up bookmark

Door Alarm!



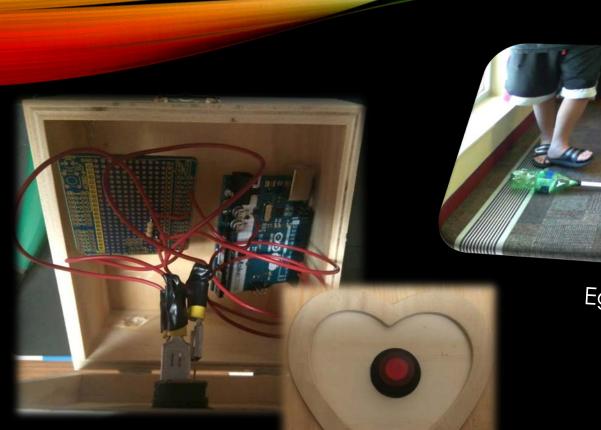
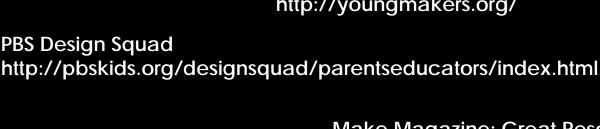


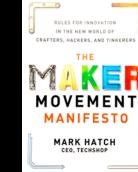
Photo Booth

Egg Stomp Rockets

RESOURCES

Start a Young Makers Club http://youngmakers.org/







GROWING THE NEXT GENERATION

Make Magazine: Great Resource, Great Ideas!!

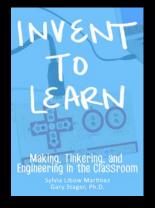
Steve Spangler Science Experiments and Explanations http://www.stevespanglerscience.com/lab/experiments

PBS Design Squad



Instructables Build Nights http://www.instructables.com/howto/build+nights/

> Pinterest Make it @ your Library http://www.pinterest.com/makeitlib/



FORMAL PROGRAMS

Bridge Challenge Structural Engineering & Critical Thinking

Zhu-Zhu Pet Battles Involved Problem Solving Life-Size Angry Birds Fosters Creativity!



Fischertechnik [®] Carnival Ride Explores Force & Gravity LEGO[®] Pinball Machines Use Levers





NOT JUST TECHNOLOGY!



Meet the Sheep!



Washing wool



All about shearing



Final product!

RE-CYCLE AND RE-USE!

Boat Race Challenge

2013

Problem-Solving, Innovation, & Creativity

MORE IDEAS...

Get started faster through organization



Think outside the box!





Generate interest through displays



Seek out mentors and community partners

MORE IDEAS...











Maker Kits for Check-Out



RESPOND TO COMMUNITY NEEDS

Young Makers in N. Idaho



Star Wars Cardboard Challenge for the Whole Family!



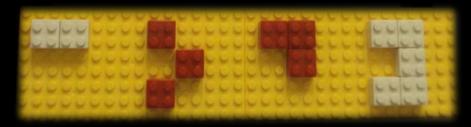
STEALTH PROGRAMMING



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



Build a hedgehog!



Write your name in Braille using bricks...

STEALTHIER...



MAKERS NOT SPACES...

Any place can be a maker space!





Develop makers...the space will come!

TEMPORARY MAKERSPACES



Check out this video on youtube to see a timewarp of a Meridian Maker program.

https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=3iZP7Eujgjk&feature=youtu.be

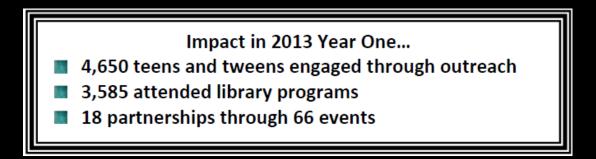
EVALUATION & RESULTS

• 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



HIGH POINTS

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





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

YEAR TWO PLAN

Replicate Year One Format

- Same Tools
- Same Training
- Same Expectations & Requirements

Returning libraries

- One additional staff trained
- Act as mentors for new libraries
- Choose new tools & materials to expand programming

Building a network of makers with skills & tools to support one another and their communities!



Pre-K Project



SPREADING THE WORD

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

Presentations:

- American Library Association annual conference
- Afterschool Alliance webinar
- Association for Small & Rural Libraries conference 2013, 2014
- Idaho Library Association conference 2013, 2014
- Innovation in U.S. Libraries video conference Paris, France 2013
- Pacific Northwest Library Association conference 2013, 2014
- 2014 IMLS WebWise Anchoring Communities Conference, Baltimore, 2014
- 2014 IMLS Summit, San Francisco 2014
- Mayors Conference, Louisville, October 2014

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QUESTIONS IDEAS INPUT ?

