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Eight New Libraries Join Idaho's "Make It at the Library" Project

BOISE, ID— "Makerspaces bring people together to collaborate, design, create, and share knowledge," said Ann Joslin, Idaho's State Librarian. "They generate an interest in science and encourage experimentation. By providing materials and tools, instruction in the use of new technology, and an environment that supports the creative process, libraries level the playing field for those who may not otherwise have access to these hubs of innovation and engagement."

"Make It at the Library," the Idaho Commission for Libraries' project to implement makerspaces in public libraries across Idaho, is gearing up for an exciting year in 2016. Eight new libraries have joined the 21 participating libraries in embracing "making" and pushing the boundaries of STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) programming with makers of all ages. We are pleased to announce that the following libraries have been invited to participate in the fourth year of the project:

- Eagle Public Library
- Garden Valley District Library
- Latah County District Library (7 locations)
- Lemhi County District Library (2 locations)
- McCall Public Library
- Mountain Home Public Library
- Patricia Romanko Public Library, Parma
- Richfield District Library

The first 2016 workshop for library staff took place February 24–26 at the Commission and focused on developing a foundational understanding of the maker culture and design thinking as well as skills in basic circuitry, soldering, e-textiles, coding, and robotics. Staff returned to their libraries equipped with circuitry tools, small robotics, and ideas for implementing STEM and other maker activities in their communities. In May, the maker training will include 3D design and 3D printing.

For more information on the project visit libraries.idaho.gov/make-it-at-the-library and <https://www.facebook.com/MakeltIdaho>.

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