
The Idaho Commission for Libraries assists libraries to build the capacity to better serve their clientele.

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Idaho's "Make It at the Library" Project in Spotlight at National Maker Events

BOISE, Idaho —Lauded as a novel approach to support innovation in libraries, Idaho's "Make It at the Library" project continues to garner national attention. Erica Compton, Idaho Commission for Libraries project coordinator and co-developer of the initiative, is one of 30 experts invited to present at the June 11 Capitol Hill Maker Faire. She'll also showcase Idaho's maker movement during the National Maker Faire at the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) June 12–13.

Hosted by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) in collaboration with the Congressional Maker Caucus, Maker Media, and Nation of Makers, the Capitol Hill Maker Faire will explore the movement driven by hobbyists, crafters, and innovators that is breathing new life and innovation into American manufacturing. The faire is open to members of Congress, their staff, and the public and is being held in conjunction with the much larger National Maker Faire, a collaboration between NationOfMakers.org, Maker Media, UDC, and the D.C. Government. Building upon the momentum of last year's first-ever D.C. Mini Maker Faire and the inaugural White House Maker Faire, the National Maker Faire celebrates the creativity and diversity of inventors, tinkerers, entrepreneurs, and innovators who are contributing their talents in new and exciting ways. The maker faire events will be followed by the National Week of Making, June 12–18. See what Idaho libraries are doing at www.weekofmaking.org/events/.

"Idaho is a leader with its 'Make It at the Library' initiative which, for three years, has been helping libraries throughout the Gem state establish makerspaces," said State Librarian Ann Joslin. "Idaho librarians have applied their training by offering increasingly innovative programming that both encourages the use of new technologies and tools and results in learning that is inherently experimental, inventive, creative, and project-based."

Idaho's "Make It at the Library" project is made possible through IMLS funding. Visit <http://libraries.idaho.gov/make-it-at-the-library> and www.facebook.com/MakeltIdaho for more information.

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