START HERE FOR MAKEIT/TAKE IT KITS

Make It Take it kits combine physical objects (books, DVDs, magazines) with maker objects and combine them with online resources for further expansion about a topic.

For a full list of our Make It Take It kits, you can visit here: http://mld.libguides.com/makeittakeit

Not listed is our new addition, “Circuits” which includes a Squishy Circuit Kit

1 - Recipe Card
1 - Motor
1 - Piezoelectric Buzzer
1 - Mechanical Buzzer
1 - 4 AA Battery Pack (batteries not included)
25 - LEDs in Red, Green, White, Yellow and Blue
4 - AA Batteries

Books about circuits

The idea of a kit is that anybody should be able to check it out and learn a new skill just from the contents of the kit. They might need to add some items (for example, they have to make the dough for squishy circuits, or they have to have a TV/computer screen for the Raspberry Pi) but the majority of items needed should be provided. The electronic resources are supplementary and intended to be used for further exploration or clarification.

I’ve included examples of our front of kit (Make It Take It sign), our Latch Labels (distinguishes what type of kit it is) our Kit Labels (Cataloging provides these to list everything in the kit. We print on clear labels and stick on side of kit) our QR codes (print on white labels and place on other side of kit, these link them with the online resources).

Most of these are in PDF form but I’m happy to share workable docs with anyone that wants them. Email me at megan@mld.org

A few things I would change if I was starting over:

1) We got a little off “maker” subjects. Although they have been popular (cookie making, sensory toys) I think it dilutes that brand of Make It Take It a bit. We should have separated those out as another type of kit.

2) We allowed holds on them, which means the kits don’t come back to us so we can replenish anything that is missing. We might have to change this.

3) We did not include an evaluation of any type, but we should add a survey into the electronic page.

A few pictures below of what the inside of a kit looks like, and the outside. This could change drastically depending on the kind of kit it is.

If I would have included pictures of the sides of the kits, one side would be the content label and one side would be the QR code.