

# Building Idaho Makers A Statewide Approach



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# Make It at the Library



# A Dual Approach

## A Statewide Approach Builds:

- A network of mentors to support growth & expansion
- A cohesive understanding of maker philosophy & culture
- Partnerships for leveraging buying power & support
- Recognizable and consistent branding



## Local Level Approach:

- Encourages independence in meeting their community's needs
- Provides real-world feedback to guide overall project
- Shares best practices with a wider audience

# Makers Not Spaces...



Foster makers...the space will come!

Any place can be a maker space!



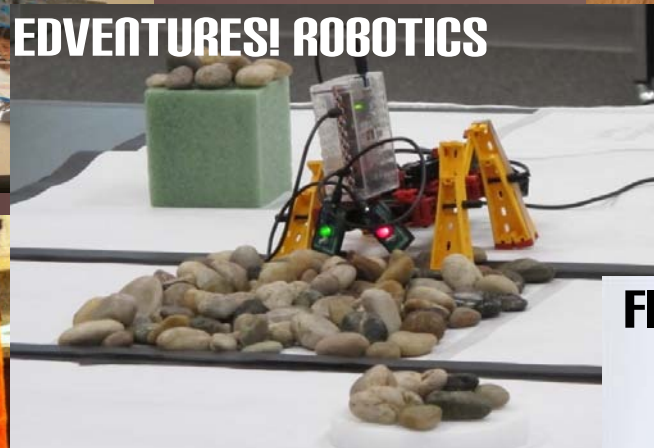


# Idaho Making...Start with Teens

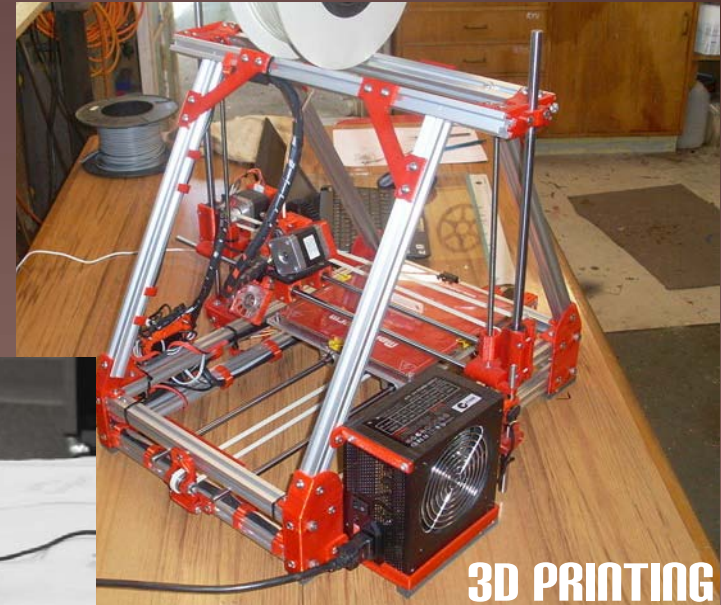
## ELECTRONICS KITS



## EDVENTURES! ROBOTICS



## E-TEXTILES



## 3D PRINTING

## FISCHERTECHNIK®





# Respond to Community Needs



Star Wars Cardboard Challenge  
for the Whole Family!



Young Makers in  
N. Idaho



Maker Kits for  
Check-Out

# High Points

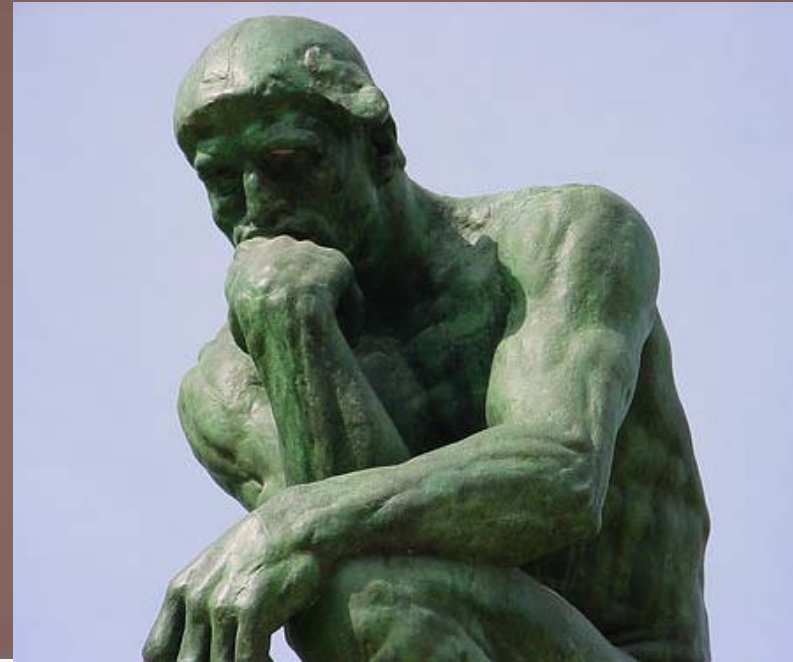
- Staff gained confidence
- Encouraged new thinking about:
  - Space
  - Collections
  - Programming



- Branch libraries on board
- National attention
- Positive feedback

# Experience Is the Best Teacher!

- Relevant training is key
- Ongoing communication facilitates growth
- Dedicated space is great, but not required
- Partners are critical for sustainability
- Branding helps build support
- Flexibility is essential





# Spreading the Word

- Facebook: [www.facebook.com/MakeItIdaho](http://www.facebook.com/MakeItIdaho)
- Website: [libraries.idaho.gov/make-it-idaho](http://libraries.idaho.gov/make-it-idaho)
- Presentations:
  - American Library Association annual conference
  - Afterschool Alliance webinar
  - Association for Small & Rural Libraries conference
  - Idaho Library Association conference
  - *Innovation in U.S. Libraries* video conference – Paris, France
  - Pacific Northwest Library Association conference

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