Building Idaho Makers
A Statewide Approach

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Year 1

Year 2
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!

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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
- Website: 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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