



Sew What's New? Making it Back to the Libraries

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History

- Officially opened September 5, 2019
- \$1.8 million renovation (including Makerspace and Multimedia)
- Original equipment included
 - 7- 3D printers
 - Laser cutter
 - Sewing machine
 - Vinyl Cutter
- Closed in March 2020 due to pandemic
 - Services only offered remotely for pickup
- Reopened Fall 2021



The Idea

Foster a sense of community and well-being by creating a sense of belonging given the struggle to engage and connect with students since the start of the pandemic.



Increase variety of available equipment.

Support a broader range of interests and skills.

Reduce barriers of entry into the space.

Grant Funding

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Award Total Amount:
\$21,935.00

\$10,000 +
Cost Share \$11,935.00

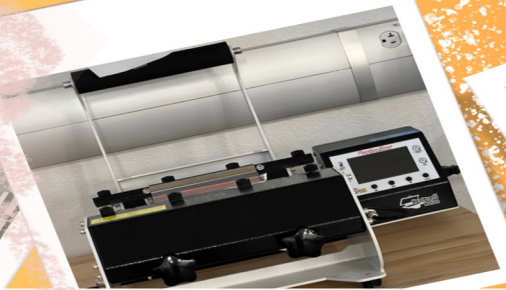


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Creation Station



Equipment

Roland BN-20A Printer

Brother PE800

Sawgrass 500 Sublimation Printer

Equipment

HeatPress Nation cup press

HeatPress Nation heat press

Wood burning pens

Creation Station Event

Planning

Activities

Result

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Orientations

Three Orientations

- Sticker Maker
- Embroidery Machine
- Heat Presses



LibGuide

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Lessons Learned

- Space Limitations
- Pricing Models
- Training Staff and Patrons
- Location of Makerspace

The Future

- Micro-session/learning
- Targeted groups
- Targeted examples
- Another “Pitt” promotion
- Including more hands-on practice at a later date

Thank You!

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