

How to Use the Makerspace (ages 10+)

1. **Sign up for a [library card](#) / make sure yours is up to date and in good standing:**

Free for residents of: 78004, 78006, 78015, 78027, 78070, 78132, 78133, 78163, 78606, 78623

Or just \$50 per year– includes access to all the MFPLibrary has to offer!

2. **Read the [Use Policies & Safety Guidelines](#) and sign the [liability waiver](#):**

These documents cover our policies, basic safety information and cost of materials. Your agreement ensures no one gets hurt, the equipment stays in working order and the library will not be held liable for damages or injury. The waiver expires after one year. Makers ages 10 - 15 will need guardian permissions and adult accompaniment to attend Makerspace events. Makers ages 16 - 18 will need guardian permissions and may attend independently.

3. **[Register online for classes](#) to learn and create:**

We teach 101 introductory classes on the equipment using free design softwares. The accompanying labs are optional, but 101 project materials are covered. Drop-ins and other class offerings follow holiday and library themes, and summer camps are a great time to gain multidisciplinary or advanced skills. Materials are covered for these as well.

4. **Register for [Open Maker Hours](#) for personal projects and one-on-one learning:**

Got a project in mind? Couldn't make it to a 101? Want to use the equipment with a little extra guidance? Bring your ideas, materials and interest—we will teach you what we know and help bring your ideas to life! Check out our community projects binder for ideas or past projects and even add to it! Please bring materials for personal projects or purchase them in limited quantities from the Makerspace. Check with us beforehand for material availability. See also: **Open Woodworking** (select months) and **Open Fiber Arts** for sewing and papercrafting specifically.

5. **Get DIY Certified to schedule Makerspace equipment appointments:**

We are not an on demand print shop so please note that we cannot complete projects for you. Our goal is that you will become proficient on the equipment to run it yourself, by appointment. We will always be on site for questions and troubleshooting and you are welcome to keep attending Open Maker Hours, but DIY certification allows for greater machine availability on your schedule.

6. **Stay tuned for opportunities to check out select equipment and kits:**

Stop by the **Library of Things** today! You can borrow all kinds of equipment from sporting and cooking to crafting and more as we build the collection.