

What is the Workshop?

the Workshop is a public makerspace - a collaborative workspace with tools and equipment designed to help the community explore, learn, and make together.

Why is this in the Library?

we're librarians; we really like books. but we also know that the most important things in the Library - like learning, community, sustainability, and YOU - don't always fit neatly on pages. the Workshop is a space for you to take what you've learned and try it out without worrying if it makes a bit of mess or noise.

the
workshop

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OPEN

· maker hours ·

Mondays

10 AM - 5 PM

Tuesdays &
Thursdays

1 - 8 PM

The Workshop
Concord Free Public Library
129 Main Street



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How Do I Use the Workshop?

walk-in's are always welcome, but if you'd like to use one of our more specialized tools, we recommend reserving a time slot up to **2 weeks** ahead of your visit at cfpl.info/workshop.

once your reservation is placed, you'll receive an email confirmation with links to any required **training videos** or **paperwork**. we recommend completing these in advance to maximize your time with your tool.

on the day of your reservation, just check in at the Workshop's front desk to get making!

How Do I Learn to Use the Tools?

self-led, hands-on experimentation and iteration are essential to the Maker experience, so by design, we don't offer one-on-one consultations or formal trainings. instead, we strive to create a safe learning space by dividing all our tools into three categories:

all makers! tools can be used by any maker 10+ or makers under 10 under the direct supervision of any maker 13+ who agree to the Workshop Policy.

trained makers! tools require viewing a pre-recorded video training session by one of your local librarians before use.

expert makers! tools require both video training + a safety waiver on file with the Workshop, signed by an adult or guardian 18+.

ALL

TRAINED

EXPERT

this doesn't mean you're on your own! our team also offers project-based learning opportunities and community skill shares that utilize a variety of the tools in our collection. check out our current lineup at cfpl.info/workshopevents.

workshop TO-GO

we know not all projects fit into a 4-hour time slot (or through our front door), so we also offer a range of portable kits designed to let you take your crafting on-the-go.

stop by any time during our Open Maker hours to snag one of our pre-packed **To-Go Kits** or **Build-Your-Own Kit** of stitching, felting, knitting, & crocheting tools at our self-service Textile Bar!

all our kits can be borrowed for **4 weeks** and returned to any Main Library desk during regular Library hours, just don't leave them in the bookdrop!

What about Materials?

materials needed to participate in any of our staff-led classes will always be completely free, and we've stocked the Workshop with a variety of **scrap swaps** to let you try out our tools without worrying about the cost.

if you're planning a larger project - like sewing a shirt from scratch or 3d printing for over an hour - we ask that you either bring your own materials from home or donate a few dollars at cfpl.info/workshopfund to help us maintain the our supplies for everyone.

and don't worry - our training videos include information about where to find some of the trickier supplies, like laser-safe wood and 3d printing plastic.