

Makerspace FAQ

Which branches have makerspaces?

Brambleton Library, Gum Spring Library, Rust Library and Sterling Library.

Do I need an appointment?

No appointment is needed. The makerspaces are part of the library and have the same hours.

The only times you need to make an appointment are to use the:

- [Recording Studio](#) at Brambleton Library.
- [Glowforge machine](#) at Sterling Library.



Does it cost anything?

In general, the equipment is free for public use and a library card is not required. You are welcome and encouraged to bring your own supplies.

We keep some [project supplies](#) on hand, which are available for purchase at a small cost. We also charge \$0.10 per gram for 3D printing services; customers are provided an estimate before printing. Please contact the makerspace with specific inquiries.

What equipment do you have?

We offer cutting-edge creative technologies, such as laser cutters, 3D printers and sewing machines. A full list is available on our website. Generally, all four makerspaces have the same items, but contact us if you have a specific question.

Can we come as a group?

Groups are welcome and trained staff are happy to inform you about the space. Fill out our [Tour Request Form](#) and a staff member will contact you to schedule. Please note that we cannot host private events.

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Can someone teach me how to use the equipment?

Trained staff are available to offer guidance. We can't do your project for you, but we'll help you learn and troubleshoot. It's a good idea to bring scrap material for hands-on learning and testing.

Are children allowed in the makerspace?

Yes, children are welcome. Patrons age 12 and under must be supervised by a parent/guardian at all times, as some of the equipment is hot and/or sharp.

What is there for kids to do?

Every makerspace has activities and programs for young patrons. It's different at each location, but may include lacing boards, perler beads, bracelet making and more. Available crafts are also changed periodically, so stop in any time to see what your makerspace has!

How do I contact a staff member?

Makerspace staff can be reached any time at: dept-libserv-makerspace@loudoun.gov

