

Overview

As part of being a vital community resource and gathering place, the Library's MakerSpace is a place and space where creativity abounds. Here, people can explore new creative technologies, try things out, learn lots and have great fun at the same time.

As with all library programs and services, the MakerSpace is at the community's fingertips – all one needs is imagination and a library card. There is no cost to use the space, only a small recovery cost for materials used.

Volunteers support the staff on *Open Lab* days, helping to welcome and orient people to the space and all that it has to offer.

Benefits for the volunteer:

A volunteer in this role can expect to:

- build/improve on social skills
- learn about all that is on offer in the space, and build their own understanding of new and emerging technologies and creative tools
- caution! – volunteers may find their own creativity emerging at an accelerated pace (just ask Joe, a long time Open Lab volunteer)

Expectations of the volunteer:

A volunteer in this role is expected to:

- enjoy and be comfortable engaging with people of all ages
- be open to learning new things
- commit to this volunteer role for a minimum of 3-4 months (typically 2-3 shifts/month) with flexibility around vacation, school, etc.
- have fun