



PRAIRIE RIVER LIBRARY DISTRICT

Makerspace Policy

Mission Statement

To enrich lives and strengthen communities through universal access to information and services.

Purpose

The Makerspace at Prairie River Library District supports exploration and continued learning through access to equipment, materials, tools, and technology.

Makerspace Use

By using the Makerspace, patrons assume all risks inherent with such use.

Equipment in the Makerspace may be used only for lawful purposes. The public will not be permitted to use materials, tools, or equipment in the Makerspace to create material that is:

- a) Prohibited by local, state, or federal law.
- b) In violation of the terms of use of the manufacturer.
- c) Obscene or harmful to minors.
- d) In violation of another's intellectual property rights. For example, the printers will not be used to reproduce material that is subject to copyright, patent, or trademark protection. The copyright law of the United States (Title 17, U.S. Code) governs the making of copies or other reproductions of copyrighted material. Personal use only is permitted

The individual using Prairie River Library District Makerspace equipment is liable for any infringement. The Prairie River Library District Internet Use Policy applies to all Makerspace activities and equipment.

Makerspace Safety

To ensure the safety of all persons using the Makerspace, patrons must:

- a) Immediately report any accident/incident that occurs in the Makerspace to a staff member and cooperate fully in the accident/incident reporting process.

b) Report any tool or piece of equipment that is unsafe or in a state of disrepair and immediately discontinue the use of such tool or equipment and notify Library staff.

Unless previously scheduled for use by staff, tools and equipment are available to patrons on a first-come, first-serve basis. Tools and equipment are for use only in the designated Makerspace area.

Library staff may restrict access to certain tools and equipment to patrons under the age of 18.

Makerspace Access

The Makerspace is only available for use during regular Library hours. Priority for space and materials is given to District and Library programming.

Prairie River Library District reserves the right to refuse entry to, or remove from, the Makerspace. An individual who violates the Prairie River Library District Code of Conduct or this Makerspace Policy (as posted in the Makerspace) may face expulsion from the Makerspace and/or the Library.

Prairie River Library District reserves the right to refuse any request for use of tools or equipment in the Makerspace.

Makerspace Materials

Materials, tools, and equipment may be brought into the Makerspace by Patrons with the approval of the Library Staff. Materials may be prohibited if they are deemed too dangerous or a nuisance to other patrons.

Prairie River Library District is not liable for any lost, damaged, or stolen property belonging to patrons utilizing the Makerspace.

Prairie River Library District provides free consumable materials on a limited basis. Materials, tools and equipment made available to the public are provided at the discretion of the District.

Prairie River Library District is not responsible if a project is destroyed, does not print correctly, or does not work as the Maker intended. The patron understands that Prairie River Library District is not responsible for any manufacturing defects or the quality of workmanship of any of the tools, materials, or equipment supplied by the district.

Due to space limitations, projects may not be stored in the Makerspace unless permission is granted by library staff. Any remaining materials or projects left in the Makerspace without proper permission may be disposed of by library staff.

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