

INNOVATION LAB NEWSLETTER

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WE'RE GONNA PARTY LIKE IT'S 1917!

George Latimer Central Library is celebrating 100 years and we're inviting the whole neighborhood to a birthday celebration on Sunday, Oct 15th, 1-4pm.

This is an all-ages Victorian-to-Steampunk Costume Party in the Courtyard. Enjoy music, lawn games, Victorian and Steampunk crafts, and cupcakes!

Stop by the Lab any day this week, October 2-6 from 1-4pm, for a costume-making lab. Wear your creations to the party!



WELCOME NEW STAFF

AmeriCorps CTEP service member, Marshall Pritt, comes to us from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania with a BSE in Mechanical Engineering. He has experience with laser engraving and 3D printing and will be teaching basic and advanced computer skills (think Photoshop). Stop by his Open Lab hours on: Mondays 1-4pm and Tues-Fri 10am-1pm.

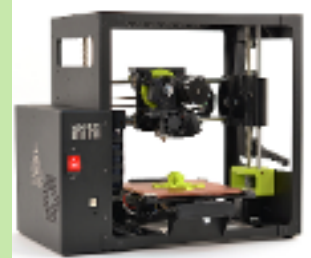


New intern, Kachia Lee, is a Fashion Merchandising and Apparel Design student at St. Kate's. She will be holding a mending clinic Tuesdays 2-4pm. Stop by with your sewing and pattern-making questions!



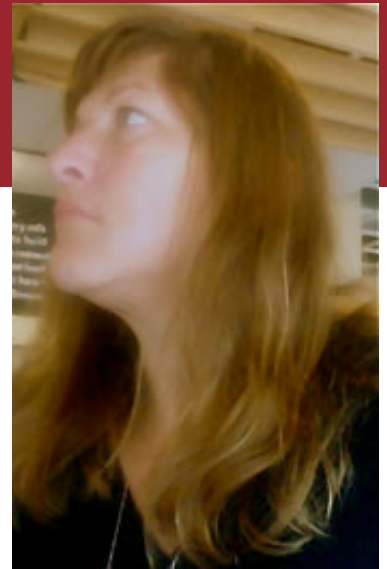
THE LULZBOT MINI HAS LANDED

Our new 3D printer is stationed just outside the Innovation Lab. The main differences are: we have more PLA colors available for the Lulzbot, it has a smaller build area (6.2x 6.2in vs 8x10in for the Afinia), and filament diameter is 3mm vs 1.75mm for Afinia. Cost will be the same, \$2 per hour of printing. If you bring your own filament for either printer, you get a discount of \$1 per session.



MEET YOUR MEMBERS

AN INTERVIEW WITH VALERIE ROY



Describe yourself in 1 sentence or less: Ambitious, determined and my favorite word...CLEVER!

What projects are you working on or have you recently completed? I have a brand new business called *One Stitch at a Time* and I create handmade, one of a kind wearable art: embroidery, beadwork, and silk ribbon embroidery. I take on custom work and I have my own line of products— wearable art and keepsake gifts. Starting this small craft business is a first step in my vision that includes social justice components. Samples of my artwork and my platform can be found here: <http://www.majikgirl.com/>

The coolest project I am working on right now is an art installation for the Lab's studio... it is a tree – but that is all I will say... maybe it will entice someone reading to visit the Lab or come find me!

What has the Innovation Lab enabled you to do? Have a place to be. I have been homeless for 6 years (some days it's a little harder to manage but I do not claim struggle). I needed a place to belong and a place to work. This feels good, it adds to MY NORMALCY.

What is your advice for other members? Innovation Lab is a precious gem— so much knowledge and resources here. Trying a new hobby out? or being enterprising? So much more is being offered than any shelter or work programming that I have encountered, and I tried it all. Instead of my MA (the program was horrible and I did half as a homeless person), my life lesson should garner a PhD and the study included 4 states and 4 shelter systems in 4 years time before finding where I felt like I could pick myself up by the bootstraps— the Twin Cities, MN!

The WIN {Nicholson Workforce and Innovation Center} is just the icing on my cake right now – tons of personal development and a-buzz with activity! So mostly **my advice is ENJOY it** and make best use of it and don't worry about the results - we are all perfectly imperfect!



CALENDAR

Costume-Making Drop-in Lab
Mon-Fri, Oct 2-6 · 1-4pm

Advisory Board Meeting
Mon, Oct 2; Nov 6 · 5:30-7pm

100 Year Birthday Costume Party
Sun, Oct 15 · 1-4pm

Using Video Online for Business
Mon, Oct 16 · 5:30-7:30pm

Adult Coloring
Tues, Oct 17; Nov 21 · 2:30-4:30pm

Recording Studio Basics with Dale
Wed, Oct 18 · 1-3pm
Fri, Oct 27 · 10-12noon

Create a Free/Low-Cost Website
Sat, Oct 21 · 1-3pm

Learning to Learn with Lynda(.com)
Wed, Oct 25 · 3-5pm

Lab After Dark: Wreath-making
Fri, Oct 27 · 5:30-7pm

Halloween Make & Take
Mon, Oct 30 · 5:30-7:30pm

Startup Ideas
Tues, Nov 7 · 10-11:30am

Branding Your Business for Success
Mon, Nov 20 · 5:30-7:30pm

Wordpress 1.0
Tues, Nov 14 · 10-11:30am

LEARNING SESSIONS

Make Friends w/ the Sewing Machine
Mondays · 4-5pm

Mending Clinic with Kachia
Tuesdays · 2-4pm

Learn 3D Printing with Richa
Thursdays · 2-3pm

Learn Laser Engraving with Dennis
Fridays · 1-3pm

Adobe Premiere Workshop with Khun
Saturdays · 3-4pm

Make Stuffed Animals with Z
Sundays · 2-4pm

To register for events and classes call 651-266-7000 or e-mail splwincenter@gmail.com