



# Making Maker Learning

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Saturday, May 14, 9:30 – 4:30,  
 UMSI Ehrlicher Room

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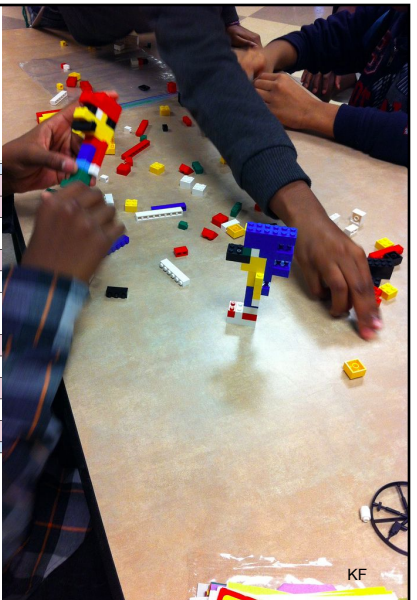
# hello.

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# and you are?

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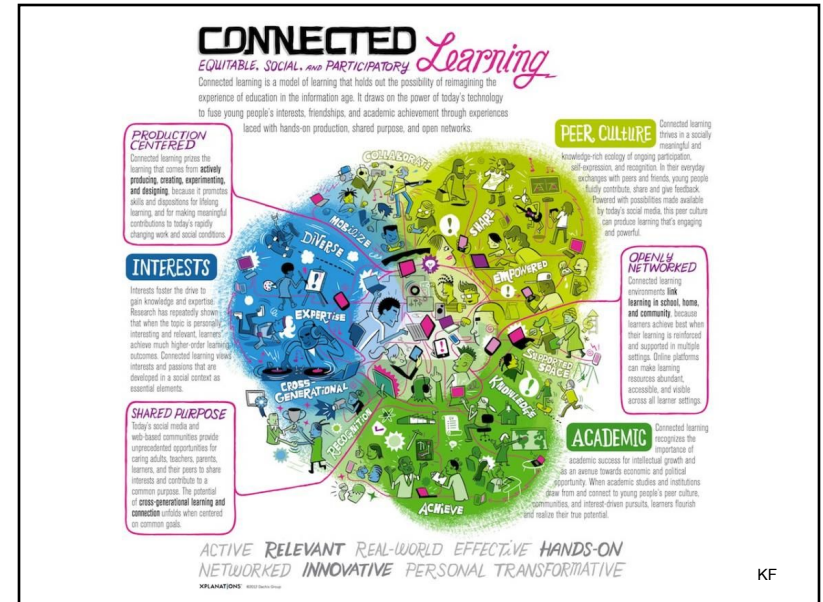
SCECH HOURS	TIME	ACTIVITY
n/a	9:00 – 9:30am	Registration
n/a	9:30 – 9:40am	Welcome: overview of the day
1	9:40 – 10:40am	Defining makers, makerspaces, maker culture Tenets of maker culture
n/a	10:40 – 10:50am	Break
5	10:50 – 11:20am	Identifying learner needs & purpose
15	11:20am – 1pm	Designing for Maker Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "PACE" model for planning learner-centered making</li> <li>• Design challenges</li> <li>• Assessment</li> </ul>
n/a	1:00 – 2:00pm	Lunch on your own
1	2:30 – 3:00pm	Sample projects: implications for bringing this type of work into your classroom
n/a	3:00 – 3:15pm	Break to reset room
1	3:15 – 4:15pm	Maker activity stations
n/a	4:15 – 4:30pm	Reflection, Closure, Next Steps
TOTAL:	5	



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# our approach

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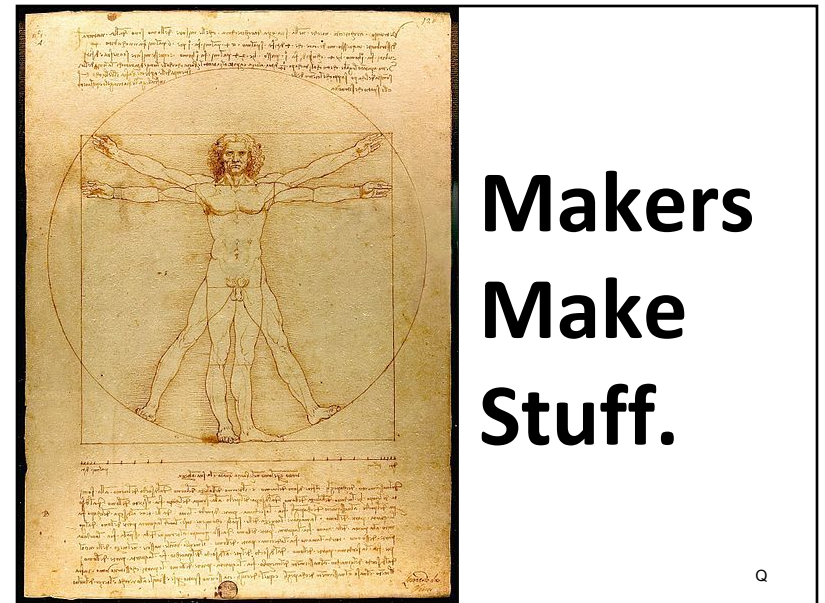
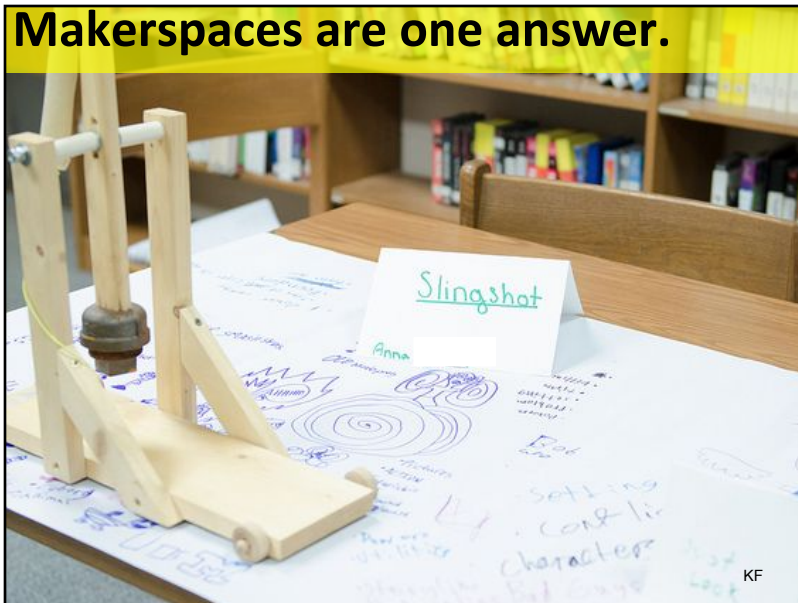
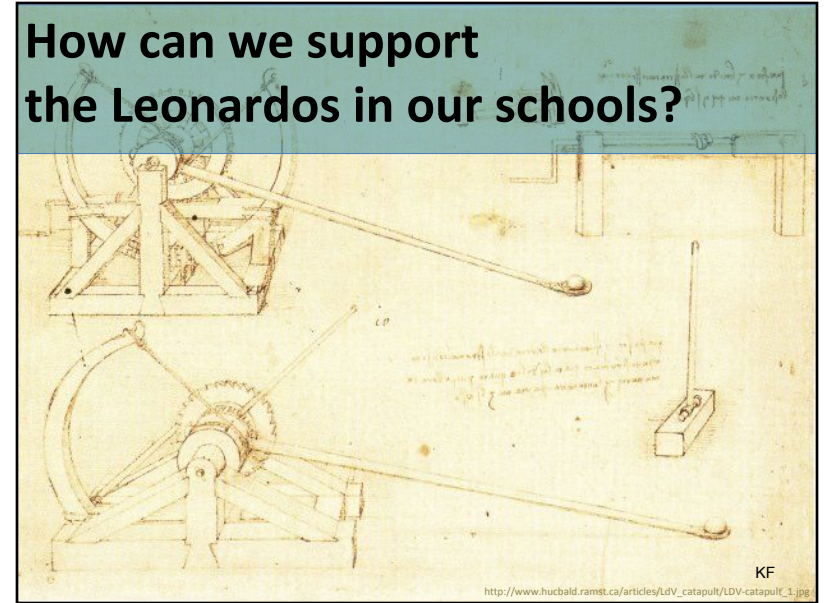
String + Pencil + Index Card =  
Our Opening Activity

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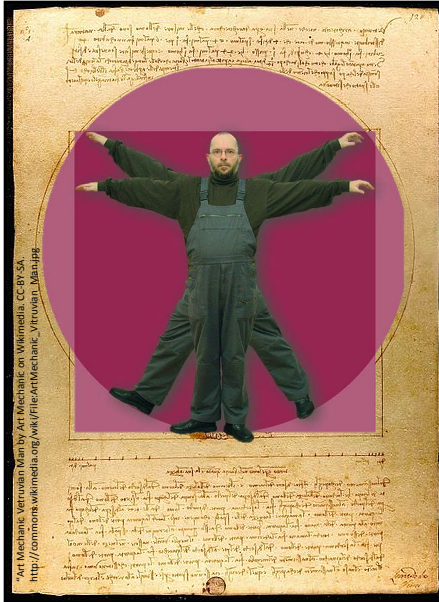
What did you make?

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# Makers Transform Stuff.

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## MAKE

Making is fundamental to what it means to be human. We must make, create, and express ourselves to feel whole. There is something unique about making physical things. These things are like little pieces of us and seem to embody portions of our souls.

## LEARN

You must learn to make. You must always seek to learn more about your making. You may become a journeyman or master craftsman, but you will still learn, want to learn, and push yourself to learn new techniques, materials, and processes. Building a lifelong learning path ensures a rich and rewarding making life and, importantly, enables one to share. Q

<http://bit.ly/makermanifestochapter>



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**This is, too.**



**And so is this.**



**And this.**



**This, too.**

Tools  
+  
Support  
+  
Community

People  
+  
Process  
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Place

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Tools  
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LEARNING  
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Tools

Support

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<http://makezine.com/2013/08/11/ke...>

qualities-for-a-school-makerspac...

EXPLORATION + FORMAL AND INFORMAL LEARNING +  
PEER LEARNING + EXPOSITION + CONTENT?

April

**Popular Science**

Monthly

15 Cents

300 Pictures

Which Wins?  
from an actual photograph!

**That you can row in your bath-tub?**  
the newest ideas for exercising at home See page 656

**How roller-skates save time in the office?**  
the newest idea in speeding up work See page 494

**How to make a hen lay self-preserving eggs?**  
the newest smut for keeping eggs safe See page 507

**How smoke is laundered?**  
the newest idea in fuel saving See page 502

**How to make an automobile tire out of a rope?**  
the newest idea in emergency See page 557

**How factory work is made easier by music?**  
the newest use for the phonograph See page 552

**How a "filver" was converted into a small locomotive?**  
the new idea for utilizing worn-out automobiles See page 541

**How war-spies work?**  
the newest ways of getting the inside story See page 570

**How to make real gold out of goldfish?**  
the newest idea for small investments See page 539

**Do you like to make things?**  
The April number shows how to make a kite-camera, a combination drawing-board, writing-desk and cupboard, an acetylene gas generator, a self-rocking developing-tray and 59 other interesting and useful articles for the home and work-shop.

**Learn about these and all the 300 newest ideas in the April Popular Science Monthly.**

Popular Science Monthly, 108 Fourth Ave., New York 14, N.Y.

# Making isn't new ...

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## Some Things to Consider ...



## #1: Know Your Purpose Before You Buy Anything.

Entertain? Inform? Educate?

Enhance academics? Fill a void in academics?

Have one-off projects or build a community?

Welcome new makers? New services for existing makers?

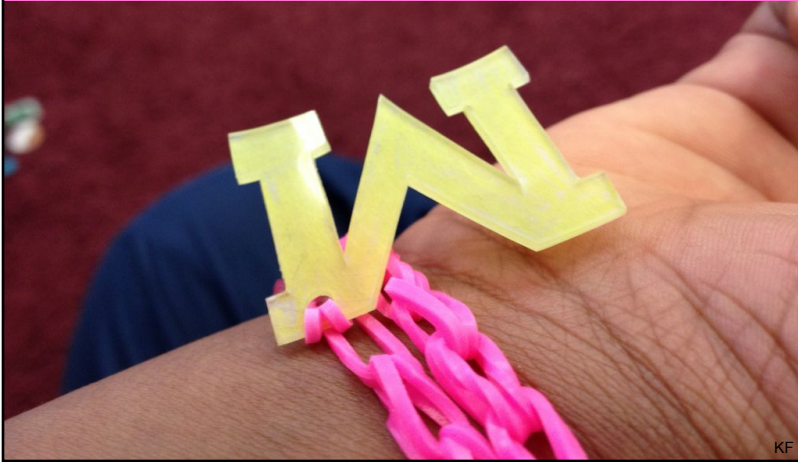


## Example: Michigan Makers

- Create community around making
- Balance DIY exploration with guidance from mentors
- Create sustainability and replicability
- "Have something for every member of the family"



## #2: Consider Short- And Long-term Projects (and start small).



## # 3: Embrace Open – and Open Source -- Thinking.



\*Arduino Uno R3" by SparkFun Electronics on Flickr. CC-BY.  
<http://flickr.com/photos/sparkfun/8406865680/>

## Corollary: Look for Partners & Sherpas.





**Corollary:  
Partner Skills, Too: Look For Mashups.**



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**#5: Not all making is serious business.**

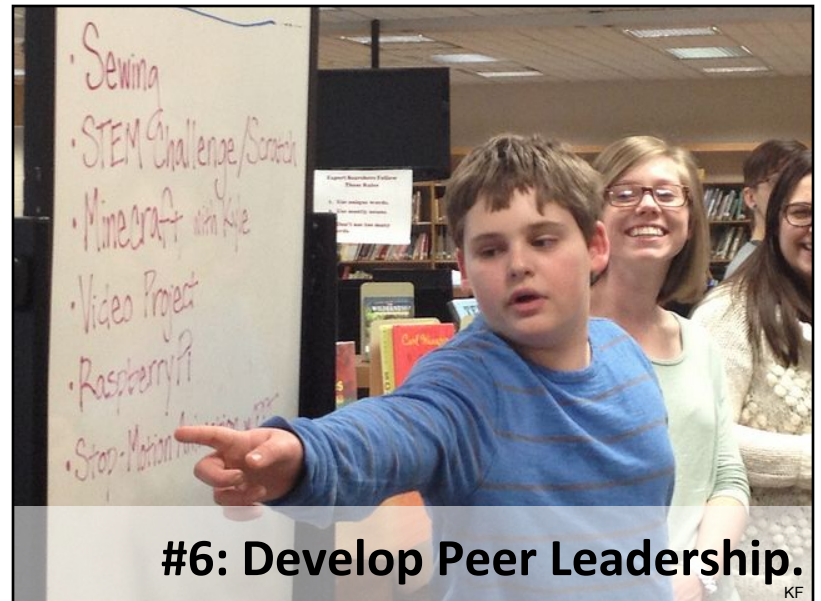


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**Corollary: Sometimes, making allows for  
self-soothing and re-centering.**

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**#6: Develop Peer Leadership.**

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## Corollary: Redefine “Teacher” And “Learner.”



## Corollary: Match Mentors with Learners.

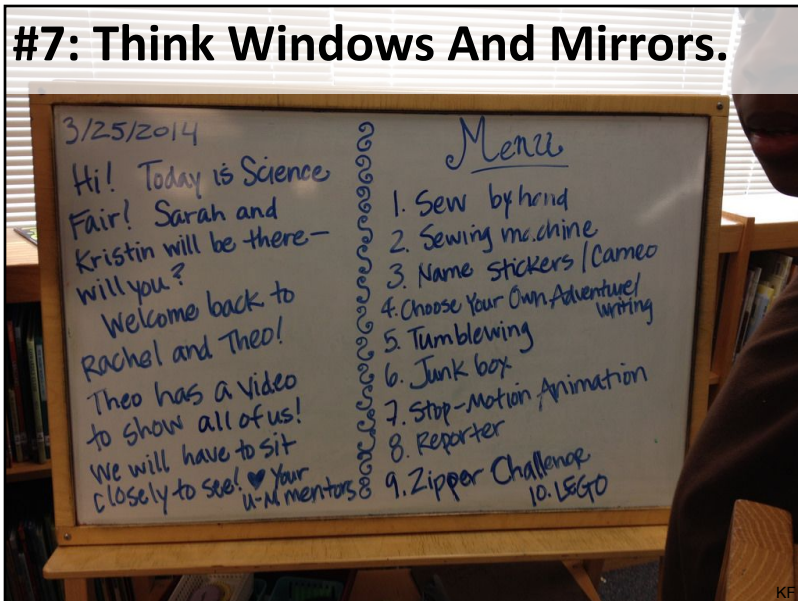


Marshmallow Towers



Egg Drop Challenge

## #7: Think Windows And Mirrors.



## #5: Think Windows And Mirrors.

There is something missing in our definition, vision, of a human being: the need to make.

We are creatures who need to make.

Because existence is willy-nilly thrust into our hands, our fate is to make something--if nothing else, the shape cut by the arc of our lives ....

Making is the mirror in which we see ourselves ...

Frank Biedart, “Advice to the Players,”  
<https://harvardmagazine.com/1999/09/poetry.html>





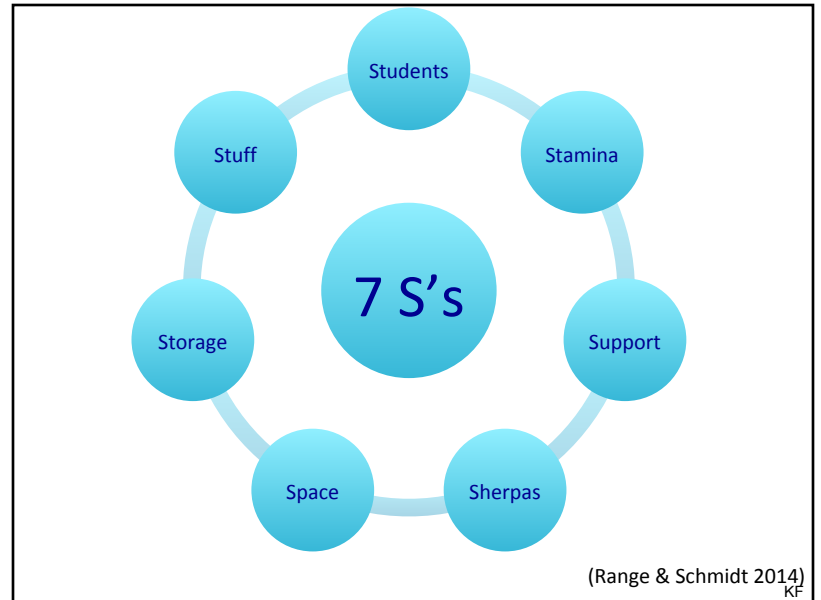
## #8: Celebrate Daily Progress.

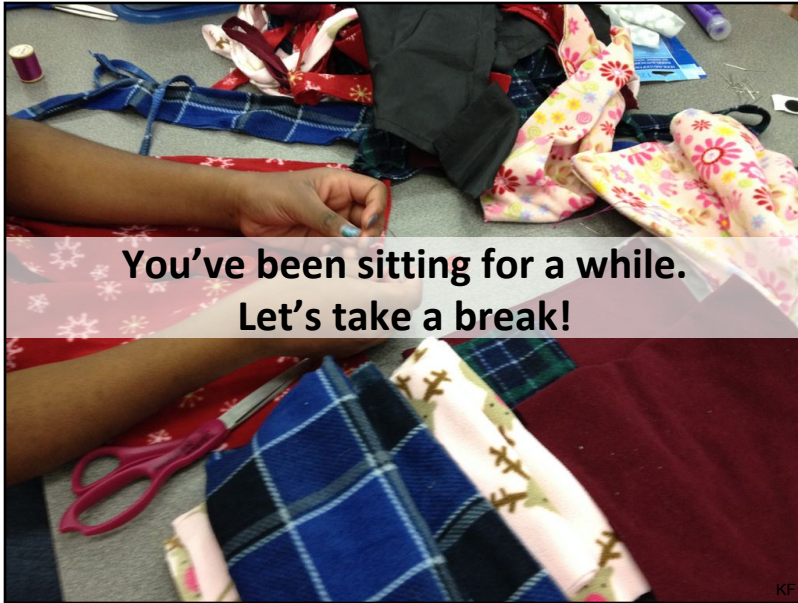


## #9: Celebrate Long-term Progress.



**Corollary: Celebrate by just making something.**





**break until 10:55**

slides tonight at  
<http://makinglibraries.si.umich.edu>

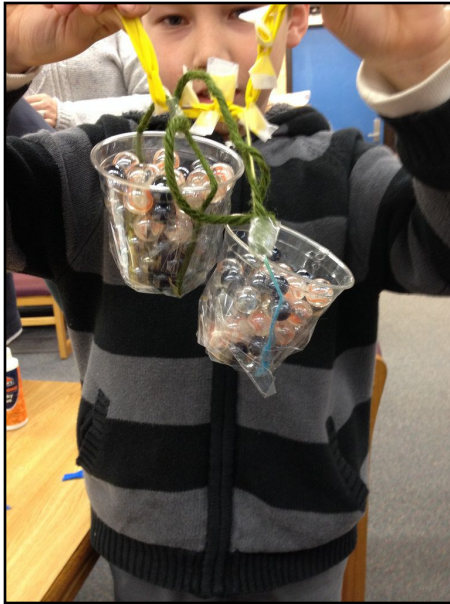
**determining purpose**

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**why does  
this matter?**

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Our  
makerspaces  
hit the mark  
when makers  
are working  
from their  
“center of  
gravity”

(Dewey 1900)

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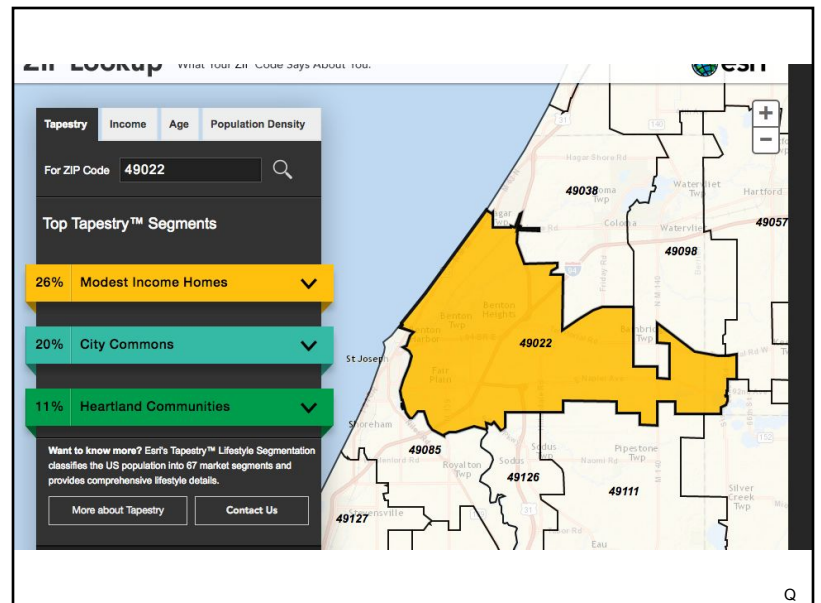
**Mindset and culture come before the tools.  
What mindset do you want to develop in your  
patrons/learners? How do you know what folks  
want?**

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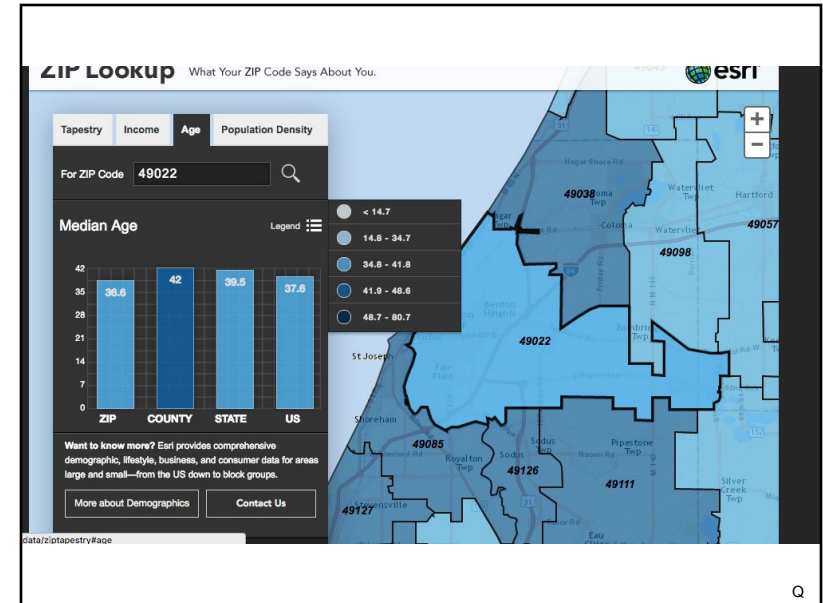
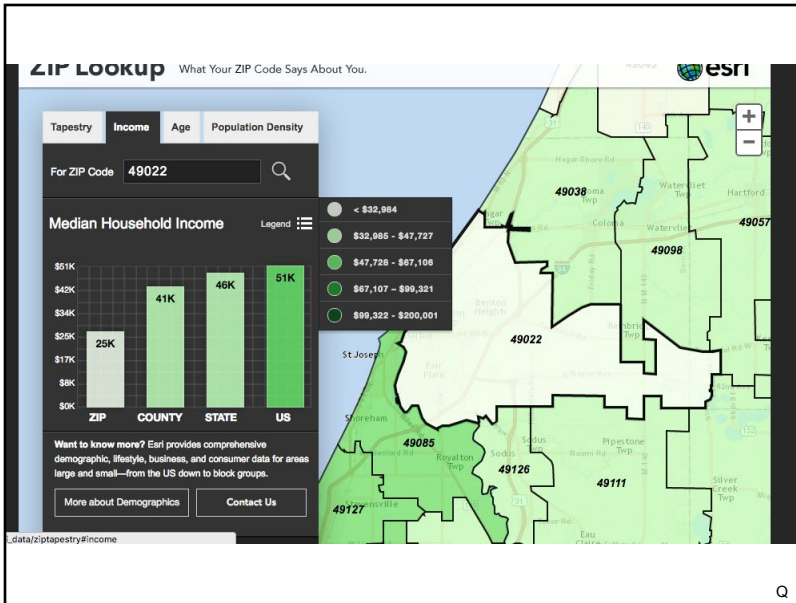
## Data Points

- School Curriculum
- Library Circ Patterns
- Petting Zoos (pool your resources!)
- Mel.org → Databases > DemographicsNow
- ESRI Tapestry (<http://www.esri.com/landing-pages/tapestry>)

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**Consider a charter or manifesto for your makerspace (with adults or kids).**



Based on \_\_\_\_\_, I see that our students/patrons need opportunities to \_\_\_\_\_.

Therefore, we'd like to launch a maker program that will give them the chance to \_\_\_\_\_.

In this program, we will prioritize \_\_\_\_\_.

We will know that we are successful if \_\_\_\_\_.



turn and talk.

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#madeinmich

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ok.  
now how do we  
structure this?

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Some context!  
For us, making prioritizes:

Process over product

Agency over teacher-directed work

Choice over following directions

Experimental mindset over  
“failure if it doesn’t work  
the first time”

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Remember our activity from this morning?

Free maker PD this summer statewide! [makinglibraries.si.umich.edu](http://makinglibraries.si.umich.edu)  
Today's slides: [bit.ly/fontblog](http://bit.ly/fontblog)

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Whose work stood out to you as being great?

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What criteria did you use to determine whose was best?

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If we were to **repeat** the exercise and **share** those criteria, what do you think might happen to the **range** of ideas we saw?

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It's really **hard** to compare  
open-ended work, isn't it?

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But what gets assessed gets attention,  
right?

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So how do we **assess** in our maker efforts?

Maybe we **don't** measure what they **make**.

Maybe we measure their **thinking** instead.

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## Seven Strategies

1. **Title: Subtitle**
2. Process Journals
3. Stand-Up Meetings
4. Design Challenge
5. **Gallery Walking**
6. **Artist Statements**
7. Portfolios

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## Title: Subtitle

artistic: explanatory

creative: factual

*Taking Flight: Paper Airplane*  
*MonkeyMatic: A New Toy Using Centrifugal Force*  
*Origami Leia: A New Star Wars Toy*

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## Title: Subtitle

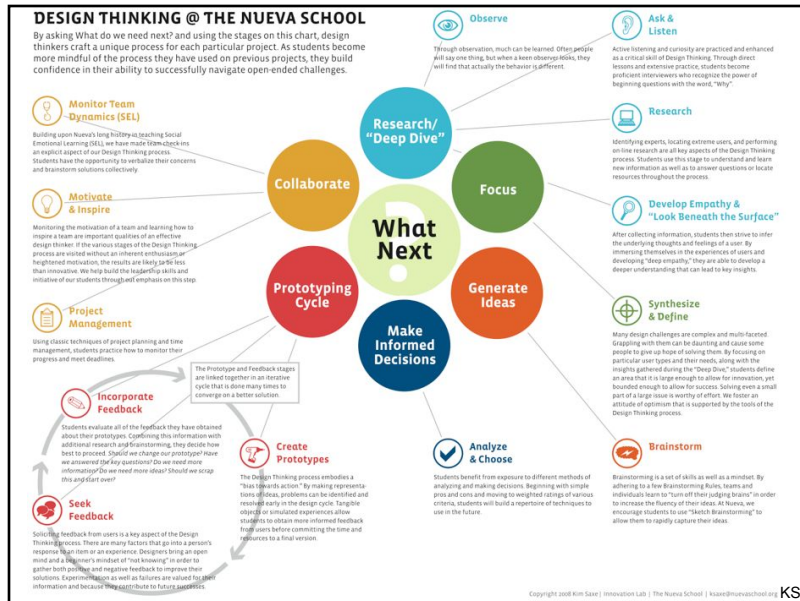
(artistic: explanatory)

(creative: factual)

Tweet a photo of your index card creation.

- Title & subtitle it.
- #madeinmich

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## Design Challenges

- Common challenge for each student
- Open options for completion to give space for agency and choice
- Agreed-upon metrics for success
- Built on curriculum learning
- Preceded by direct instruction and/or interspersed with mini-lessons as needed
- Time limits serve to motivate creativity within constraints



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## #1 Design Challenge Seeds

- Design an **invention** that would fix \_\_\_\_\_
- Create a **prototype** that would \_\_\_\_\_
- Research and identify a **solution** that \_\_\_\_\_
- Create a **stamp/statue/logo/mascot** for \_\_\_\_\_ based on what you know about \_\_\_\_\_



## #1 Design Challenge Examples

- We have studied how \_\_\_\_\_ influenced society by harnessing/inventing \_\_\_\_\_. What new global challenge do you see needing to be solved? Create a **prototype** for your solution.
- People with Parkinson's have difficulty eating soup because their hand shakes. **Research existing solutions** and design an alternative ...



## Your Challenge!

- Start by collecting data from group members about something that new students struggle with at your school or library.
- Use that data to focus on a single problem.
- Brainstorm solutions.
- Build a prototype.
- Be prepared to explain the choices you made.
- Use a sticky note to create a catchy title and informative subtitle, like this: Friend Tracker: An App to Help New Students Find Kindred Spirits

*Or ... create your own challenge and be ready to explain it to others.  
Or ... be a group reporter!*

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## Assessment in design challenges can come from ...

- Product pitches
- Advertising copy for product
- Infomercials for product
- Letters
- Any of the other techniques

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## Gallery Walking

- ½ present, ½ view
- Consider half-page “Hamburger-style” table tents
  - Possible content:
    - What is the object?
    - What does the creator want the viewer to notice in particular?
    - I am proud of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Keep to one sentence
  - In-process or after project completion

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## Maker Gallery Walk Guidelines

- Lend support, not critique
- Ask questions
- Listen intently
- Give advice only if asked for it

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**lunch 1-2pm**

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## Gallery Walk until 2:20

- Framing gallery walk/exposition etiquette with kids
- Move your creation to the back of the dining hall (leave your workspace as is)
- Remember your caption! Fun title: Informative subtitle
- Take turns staffing your station



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## Artist Statements Can Convey

- Purpose/intent
- Process (if succinct)
- Inspirations
- Unpacking of your thinking about the product you made

Great resource for your teaching:  
<http://www.artbusiness.com/artstate.html>

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## Artist's Statements at multiple points in process

### Formative Assessment

- "Ticket out the door"
- Index card
- A few sentences or a paragraph
- Cloze sentences:
  - "The visuals I chose are meant to \_\_\_\_\_."
  - "I chose this medium because \_\_\_\_\_."
  - "The visuals in my slide deck are meant to \_\_\_\_\_."
  - "I'm including this primary source image because \_\_\_\_\_."

### Summative Assessment

- Multiple paragraphs
- Extended thought
- Reflects on the finished product and on the process

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#### Artist's Statement

This group of pictures was completely unexpected. I arrived in Italy last autumn as a Visiting Artist at the American Academy in Rome, with plans for a project involving fascist-era beachfront architecture in Ostia, and perhaps something centered on gardens in the funky postwar outskirts of Rome. But on our first day there I made my own pilgrimage to the Pantheon, one of my favorite places to be in Rome, and usually a primary destination.

A constant stream of visitors enters and exits the Pantheon all day. For the most part, they have their recording devices held high over head as they enter, forgoing the old-fashioned step of looking at something first, then photographing it. No, these pilgrims have their memories immediately farmed out to digital data storage, safely ensconced for retrieval at some later date. There was something charming about it, something universal and soothing, not comical exactly but focused and intense, a hint of the divine in an otherwise mechanized world: Everyone gazing vicariously into the oculus, the eye of God. I fell into a rhythm, studying the screen of my own camera and watching for the moments of rapture and deep concentration, moving invisibly from one subject to the next. I was lost in my own rapture, my mind quiet but for the occasional visit from the ghost of Walter Evans, whose pictures of subway riders during the early 1940s were never far from my thoughts.

The 45 photographs in this exhibition were made on four days in October 2012 with the Sony Nex-7 digital camera. I want to thank my wife Terry Hogan for her love and thoughtfulness, Daniel Leivick for his advice and assistance in many aspects of this exhibition, Liz Celeste, Craig Weiss, Elizabeth kohnke, Gail Wight, the Stanford University Department of Art and Art History, and the American Academy in Rome.

Joel Leivick, Robert and Ruth Halperin Professor in Photography, Department of Art & Art History, Stanford University.

Dedicated to my friend Richard Gordon.

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## Knowledge In the Room

- Exit tickets using Google Forms
- Space and schedule: Open and flexible vs Fixed time slots
- Michigan Office Supply (do I have name right?) has 3D printer repair contracts
- Tech Support for 3D Printing: Standard Operating Procedures, On Boarding processes (front end time saves you time later), evaluate and test run setup of 3D printers
- LEGO programs - name your project, describe it. Have a show and tell!
- If worried about LEGOs being hard to clean up, set out a picnic blanket or sheet and put LEGOs on top. Scoop up the blanket and you catch them all!
- Show and Tell: Public speaking and communication skills
- Seesaw app (<http://web.seesaw.me/>): send work right to parents , real time digital portfolios/records
- Artsonia (<https://www.artsonia.com/>): One teacher made \$500 for her classroom!?!
- Maker Camp = MAKE Magazine + Google Plus (<http://makercamp.com/>), Live making videos, field trips (Hallmark Studio), interesting maker kits/freebies

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# break

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## maker activity stations until 4:15

### use your purpose statement as a lens through which to see tools that are a good fit

### slides will be posted at: <http://makinglibraries.si.umich.edu/>

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## **reflection, closure, next steps, evaluation**

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