**Library Programming COI**

**7/2/25 11 AM**

**MakerSpaces and Active Study Spaces**

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**Attendees:** Sydney Villegas, Natalie Hutchinson, Leigh Rudikoff, Rukmal Ryder, Tara Fitzpatrick, Bridget, Erin Ziomek, Tyahra Angus, Melissa Lawson, Stacey Snyder, Uma Hiremath, Vicki Gruzynski Worcester, Richard Vallone

**Minutes:**

Introduction question: What book displays are you doing for next month (August)?

* Fiction/Summer Reading
* Summer Food
* Dog Days of Summer
* Anti-Boredom Month
* Disability Pride
* MCBA (Mass Children Book Awards) and " Who wants to be a scientist?" displays in Education Resource Collection
* Back to school/college success
* faculty publications

Active Study Area Presentation - Tara (Salem State)

* Space was proposed in May/June 2023 and implementation began in June 2025
* Consists of low impact training/exercise equipment for students in designated library areas to improve student wellness and academic performance
  + Performance/ usage of the space assessed through Google surveys and in person Q&A on whiteboards
* Low impact physical activity can improve academic performance and physical and mental wellbeing
* Libraries as a place of community and interaction, not just a place to store books
* Features bike desks and standing desks with walking pads, recumbent and tall friendly bikes, under desk pedals, and exercise ball seating

Makerspaces - Rukmal (Salem State)

* Makerspace proposed in 2019, opened in Fall 2023
* Promotes experiential learning by fostering critical thinking, tinkering, exploration, and collaboration within the space
* Arts and crafts materials, low tech low cost items held within locked cabinets which keys can be checked out for
* Collaborations with Education students, social work dept
* Example events: pumpkin painting, Create a cap event
* Students can reserve materials and view guidelines through Libguide

Breakout Room Share Outs

MakerSpaces

* Makerspace workshop ideas: Junk journaling, bullet journaling, zine making. Witch-Craft events in october
* Bullet journaling supplies and books/instructions included in makerspace
* Makerspace can start with a crafting cart
* Sewing and clothing mending workshops
* Craft supplies donation drive, obtaining craft supplies through community donations

Active spaces

* Sensory, accessibility and adaptive equipment
* “ I was really impressed with the kits this library system has - could have ideas (sensory, adaptive, etc)” <https://www.pcdl.org/content/adaptive-equipment-kits-sensory-calming-kits#:~:text=Adaptive%20Equipment%20Kits%20%7C%20Sensory%20&%20Calming%20Kits%20%7C%20Perry%20County%20District%20Library>

Final Discussions

* Database cuts– What is your library doing to handle cuts to databases?
  + Most are going through FLO or waiting to see which databases the BPL makes available

[+BPLLinks[FINAL]FY2026StatewideDatabases\_CHART](https://mblc-newsroom-static.s3.amazonaws.com/collateral/official-docs/mblc/deffa38e_databases-for-patrons-no-local-info_download.pdf)

* Seed Libraries– Does your library run a seed library?
  + Many public libraries do run this program but might be hard in academic libraries esp for summer months
  + Seeds can expire and go bad over time
  + Good to accompany a seed library program with gardening workshops/supplies
  + UMass Amherst has a seed library

August meeting– please submit to the google form if you’d like to present

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