

**Library Programming COI**  
**7/2/25 11 AM**  
**MakerSpaces and Active Study Spaces**

**Recording:**

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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](#)
- 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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