

The Free Library Of Philadelphia's Parkway Central Branch Hosts A Citywide Maker Celebration, This Saturday, August 17



Join the Free Library of Philadelphia for a citywide celebration of the city's maker community this Saturday, August 17. (Photo by J. Smith for GPTMC)

It's no secret that Philadelphia is a city of doers, but this town also supports an incredible subculture of artists, crafters, tech enthusiasts and designers — makers — who not only *do*, but do it themselves.

This Saturday, August 17, join in a citywide celebration of Philadelphia's makers as the [Free Library of Philadelphia](#) hosts a [Maker Celebration](#) at its Parkway Central branch, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Throughout the summer, five Free Library locations have hosted [Maker Education Initiative](#) programming for children and teens, consisting of hands-on, do-it-yourself class-

es that blend art and technology and, ultimately, foster creativity.

On Saturday, the results of the summer-long initiative of student making will be on display alongside 50 additional Philadelphia-area artists and designers, including the Clay Studio and Girls Rock Philly, in the afternoon celebration.

In conjunction with the maker celebration, this Saturday also brings the inaugural showing of the [Connected Messages Project](#), a LED postcard and physical mural project that's been constructed over the summer by the students of the Maker Education Initiative that express messages about Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly Love and Sisterly Affection.

Once all the pieces of the mural are united, the large mural's LED components can be controlled online, creating a unique interactive experience.

The celebration is free and open to the public.

Come out and see what Philadelphia has been making!

The Free Library of Philadelphia's Maker Celebration

When: Saturday, August 17, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Where: Parkway Central Library Lobby, 1901 Vine Street

Cost: Free

More info: www.freelibrary.org