

Philadelphia Maker Celebration: show off your work at Free Library showcase



Students participate in the maker program at the Village of Arts and Humanities. Photo from MakerJawn.com

It's a **Philadelphia Maker Celebration**, and the **Free Library** wants to see what you're creating.

Apply to show off your work at the event on Aug. 17 at the **Central Library** at 19th and Vine Streets. The Library will choose 50 makers and give each of them \$50. The term "maker" is open-ended here: it can be art, electronic textiles, metalwork, you name it.

[Apply here by Aug. 1.](#)

The showcase is a capstone to the Free Library's **Maker Corps** program, a summer-long youth workshop series at five locations around the city where youth can learn to [solder LEDs](#), build paper circuits and make their own [balloon zipline](#), among other things.

The program is funded in large part by a grant from the **Maker Ed Initiative**. So far, more than 100 youth and families have participated in the program since it started in June, said Free Library digital resource specialist **K-Fai Steele**.

Read more about the Library's Maker Corps program on its blog **MakerJawn**. Get more details about [the free program's various locations here](#).

The Library's Maker Celebration and youth maker program is just another part of the [Philly's budding maker community](#).

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