

Getting Makerspaces on Our Students' Radar

Maker programming was recently introduced to students at the Middlesex County College Library. Our Stress Stops offer activities such as puzzles, coloring, and magnetic poetry. Pop-up Maker Stations are facilitated by librarians inside and outside of the Library and include quick programs such as button making, origami, inventing with Makey Makeys, bubble making, blackout poetry, and chalk art. Some maker activities are collaborative efforts with Library staff and Campus departments, clubs, and students. Stop by to learn about what has and has not worked, what our goals are for the future, and to create a simple, hands-on craft.

Obstacles

- Funding restrictions
- Limited staff to participate
- Tight staff schedules
- Restricted student time
- Lack of awareness

Goals

- Collaboration
- Communication
- Community
- Creativity & exploration
- Curriculum tie-ins
- Relationships



Materials

- Button maker
- Mod podge
- Paper trimmer
- Decorative paper
- Scissors
- Glue guns
- Ribbon
- Stickers
- Various scavenged and recycled materials

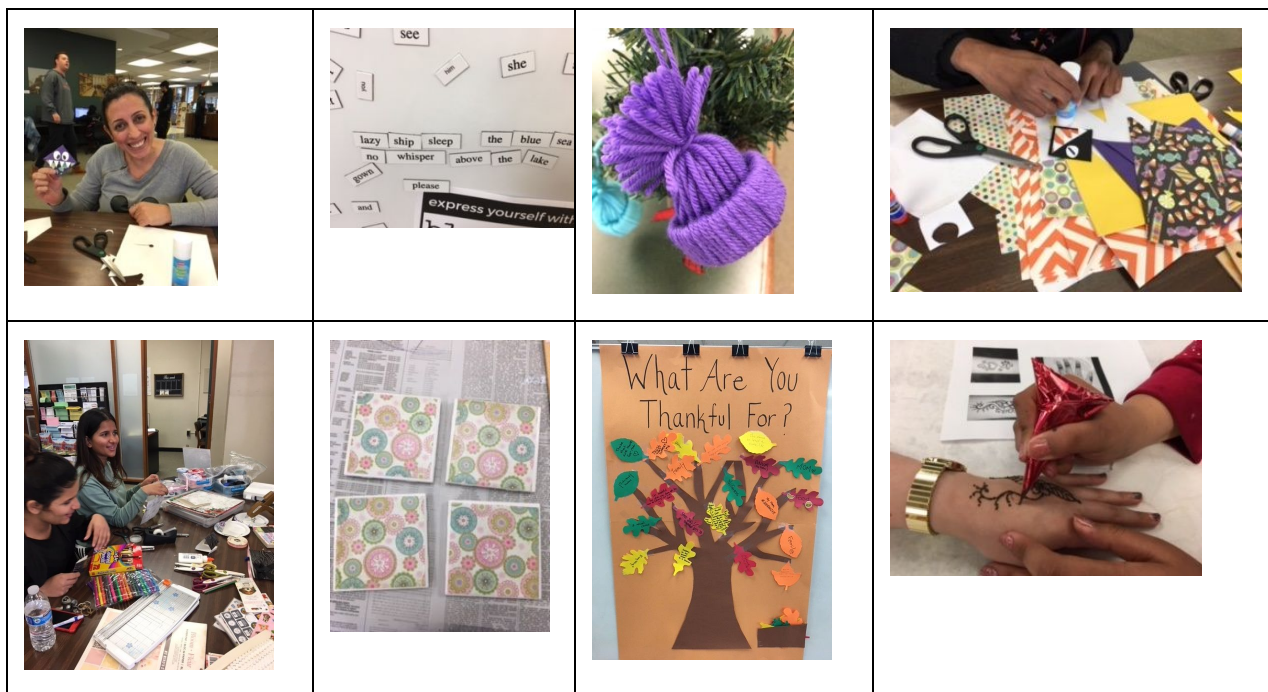
Preliminary Findings

- Simple is best
- Participation can be unpredictable
- Timing is important
- Collaborations take time

Future Plans

- Expand & increase student group & faculty collaborations
- Add more self directed programming
- Include 3D printing
- Increase promotion
- Go where the students are

Pop-Up Maker Stations & Stress Stops



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