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ST. TAMMANY PARISH LIBRARY UNVEILS NEW MAKERSPACE AT MADISONVILLE BRANCH

Madisonville, LA (August 10, 2026) – The St. Tammany Parish Library (STPL) is excited to announce the grand opening of the library's newest resource, the Makerspace. Members of the community are invited to take part in the celebration on Aug. 22 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Madisonville Branch (1123 Main St.). Attendees will enjoy cake and lemonade among the light refreshments.

Library Director Trevor Collings praised the new addition, saying, "The new Makerspace at the Madisonville Branch gives our community another way to learn, create and explore together. Libraries have always been places where people discover new ideas, and this space gives our patrons the tools to turn those ideas into something tangible. We're excited to see what our community creates."

Looking ahead, Collings also confirmed a Makerspace facility would be included in the upcoming Slidell Branch (555 Robert Blvd.) renovations, bringing this resource to East St. Tammany Parish patrons.

The Makerspace is an open workspace that offers tools and technology for patrons to create crafts and other projects. The Madisonville Library Makerspace's equipment includes a laser cutter, a 3D printer, a large-format printer, a sublimation printer with a heat press for garments and coffee mugs, and a Cricut machine. It also offers tools such as a sewing machine, a button maker and a sticker maker. Using the equipment is free for patrons who supply their own materials (with a small fee for ink-based projects), and the library also offers materials for purchase at a low cost.

Library card holders who are 14 years or older can use the equipment with staff assistance or attend a badging class for independent use when the room is available and staffed. Young children are welcome to accompany their parents and guardians, but only patrons 14 and older may operate the Makerspace equipment.

Patrons interested in learning more about the facility, training, and fees can visit sttammanylibrary.org/Makerspace, or contact the Makerspace manager, Frank McGlothlin, at makerspace@stpl.us or 985-845-4819, Ext. 5006.

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The St. Tammany Parish Library has been serving the citizens of St. Tammany Parish for over seventy-five years. Our twelve branches offer over 542,000 loanable items, including books, CDs, DVDs, audiobooks, and magazines. We have a thirteenth branch, the Mobile Library, that brings library resources to our elderly and homebound patrons with our Books-by-Mail and Lobby Stop services. The library's website offers 24/7 access to downloadable audio and e-books, music downloads, research tools, magazines, and newspapers. Our programs and services are designed to meet residents' cultural, informational, educational, and recreational needs.

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