



### **For Immediate Release**

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### **Join Us for the Fourth Annual NJ Makers Day at the Oradell Free Public Library**

ORADELL, NJ – The maker movement in the United States isn't just a hobby; it's having a significant impact on school curriculum development and growing local economies. To celebrate making and maker culture, residents throughout New Jersey will come together on Saturday, March 10, 2018 in libraries, schools, museums, homes, and other community locations. The Oradell Free Public Library is excited to be a participating site for the fourth New Jersey Makers Day on Saturday, March 10, 2018.

NJ Makers Day is designed to be a statewide single-day event that celebrates, promotes, and in many cases may introduce maker culture, as well as the values associated with making, tinkering and STEM-based learning. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, "employment in occupations related to STEM -- science, technology, engineering, and mathematics -- is projected to grow to more than 9 million between 2012 and 2022. That's an increase of about 1 million jobs."

Maker spaces across the state are having a significant impact on education and job skills development by providing access to people, information, resources, and tools that facilitate making to a wide variety of skill levels.

"We are ecstatic to be able to bring this type of programming to the Oradell community," said Robin Rockman, Youth Services Librarian and NJ Makers Day Site Administrator for Oradell Public Library "We are committed to finding ways to help people to learn new skills and to work collaboratively on exciting hands-on projects. This has been a labor of love for all of us and something we are thrilled to bring to fruition." Community members of all ages are invited to stop in the library for an exciting day filled with activities focusing on maker culture.

Planned activities include interactive stations of play and building, technology demonstrations and hands-on experimentation, knitting for all-ages led by The Oradell Book & Needle Club crafts. A full schedule and listing of the days activities will be announced shortly.

NJ Makers Day at the Oradell Public Library is made possible primarily thanks to the generosity of the Oradell Public Library Foundation and the Friends of the Library.

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