Create! Collaborate! Play!
The MakerStudio@GCLS

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The Gloucester County Library System consists of five branches and one independent association library, with 14 member communities in Gloucester County, New Jersey.
GCLS Strategic Plan 2013-2016

Our Vision:

GCLS libraries are the center of an informed, engaged, and connected community.

Our Mission:

The Gloucester County Library System provides welcoming community spaces where people gather to learn, create, and have fun.
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Technology Goal:
“Expand and enhance library services by improving the existing technology infrastructure and staying current with emerging technologies.”

Objective, III-A:
“Provide new technology services in response to community interests and needs.”

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“For the Future of Libraries in New Jersey”

Support’s New Jersey State Library & LibraryLinkNJ’s Statewide Strategic Plan by reinventing “our methods, models, products, and services to keep pace with the ‘new normal’ of transformational social and technological change.”
Educate to Innovate

Aligned with the 2009 “Educate to Innovate” Federal Government initiative, the MakerStudio at GCLS provides opportunities to engage both young and old in creative-thinking and encourages community-based innovation and entrepreneurship in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mechanics (STEAM).

(http://www.whitehouse.gov/issues/education/k-12/educate-innovate)
Why a Makerspace?

In creating an attractive, open-access Makerspace, GCLS provides the surrounding community with the opportunity to socialize, learn, experiment, create, and grow by increasing exposure to cutting-edge technology and the increasing popularity of “DIY culture.”
Reinventing the Library

- Not a book warehouse
- Community center
- Library as start-up incubator
- Co-working / Collaboration spaces
  - Internet access, work space, reference materials, professional guidance
- From democratizing knowledge to democratizing entrepreneurship

3D Printers
3D Scanner
Digital Media Lab
iMac
Green Screen
Music Creation
Vinyl Cutter
Button Maker
Serger
Robots!
Programs
Events
Open Labs
Classes & Programs

- 3D design and modeling
- 3D printing
- Drawing & sketching
- Paper-making
- Linoleum block printing
- Mandala design
- Cooking classes
- Video production
- Arduino hack night
Partnerships are key

- Local businesses / entrepreneurs
- Arts community
- Local schools
- Gloucester County Chamber of Commerce
- Gloucester County Institute of Technology
- Rowan College at Gloucester County
- Rowan University
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