



People Power: Strengthening Libraries through Community Partnerships

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What is Creative Experience

- Digital maker space: a place for collaborative digital media creation and publishing. It inspires ingenuity, encourages artistry and develops expertise.
- Open to all ages, with youth-specific programs
- Offers free workshops for adults and teens
- Operates out of Central Library
- Programs are also offered at branches



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Four “Pods” equipped with software and hardware for digital creation.

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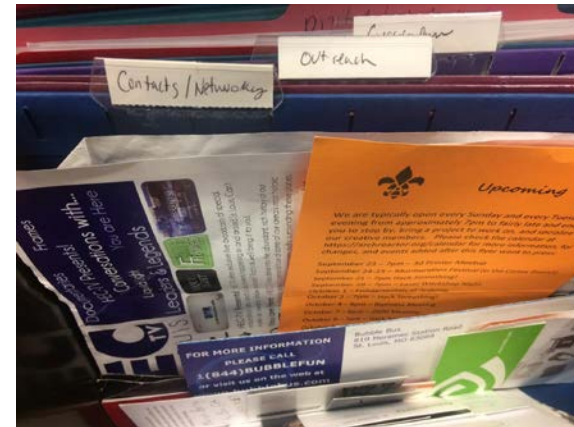


Recording Room with software and hardware for audio recording.

Outreach and Networking go hand in hand



Get out and meet people and save contacts even if you don't know how you'll use them yet.



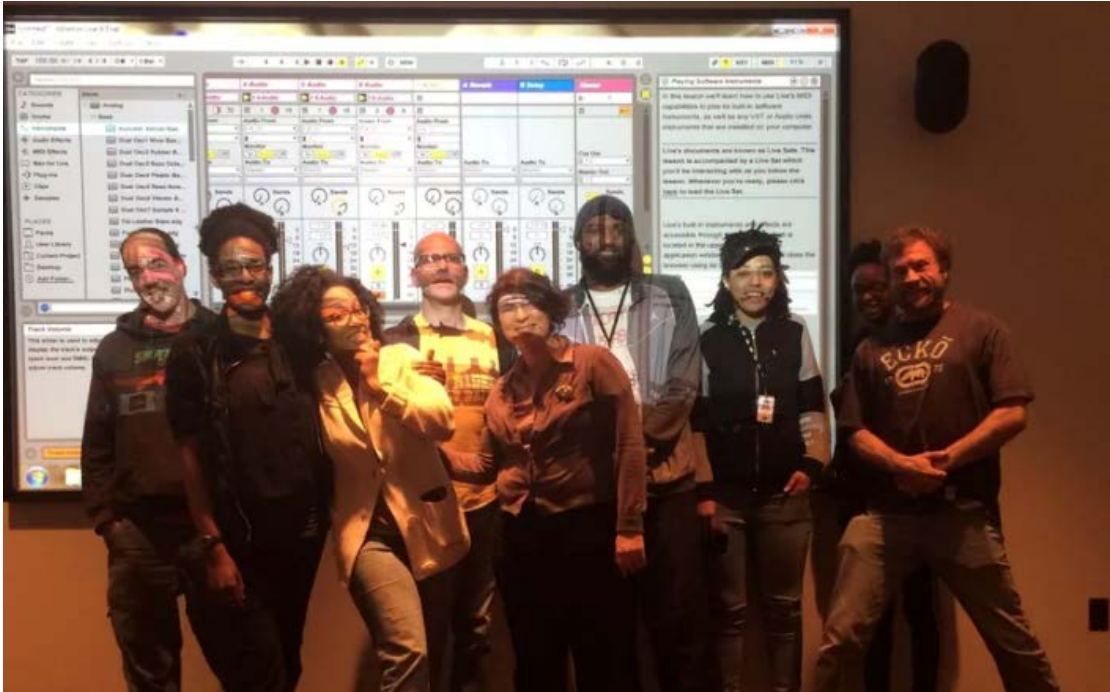
Say Yes to Opportunities!



You never know where they will lead.



Don't dismiss spontaneous connections



Be willing to talk to people unexpectedly and make time for connections when possible.



Cultivate connections with colleagues

Foster regional connections, as well as long distance ones, based on aligned interests.



Support Other Initiatives

Don't work in Silos.



HIP HOP
Appreciation Week
MAY 15-20
All programs at Central Library

Hip Hop Appreciation Week Pre-Program:
May 2 & 9: **Lyrics in the Making** (Teens Only) | 6-7:30 p.m.
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Hip Hop Appreciation Week Programs:

- May 15: **Straight Outta Central: Talent Show** | 4-5 p.m. | Teen Lounge
- May 15: **DJ Kimmie Nu Live** | 6-7 p.m. | Atrium
- May 15: **Open Mic** | 7-8:30 p.m. | Auditorium
- May 16: **iLLPHONiCs Concert** | 7-8 p.m. | outside Central Library
- May 17: **Lunch Beat STL** | Noon-1 p.m. | Creative Experience
- May 17: **DJ Workshop** | 7-8 p.m. | Creative Experience
- May 18: **I Am Hip Hop** | 7-8:30 p.m. | Carnegie Room
- May 19: **Hip Hop Virtual Reality** | 2-5 p.m. | Creative Experience
- May 20: **Business of Hip Hop Workshop** | Noon-2 p.m. | Creative Experience
- May 20: **"Hip Hop: Beyond Beats & Rhymes" Screening** | 2-4 p.m.
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REGISTRATION SUGGESTED FOR ALL EVENTS.
Call 314-880-8593 or email cexp@slpl.org.

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Be Generous with Knowledge and Resources



It will be reciprocated.



Make Connections through members of allied institutions



Seek connections with individuals.
Partnerships don't have to be formal but can lead to other opportunities.



Support Artists and Entrepreneurs

We're lucky to have a budget for programming, but we have also scheduled pro-bono workshops.



Ask for In-kind Donations



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slplcexp Now featuring Alesis V25 MIDI keyboards at each Pod thanks to a generous donation from @notesforlifeat and Ableton Live Intro software on the Pods and Recording Room computers thanks to partnerships with @sonicartsunited and @ableton! @stlouispUBLIClibrary



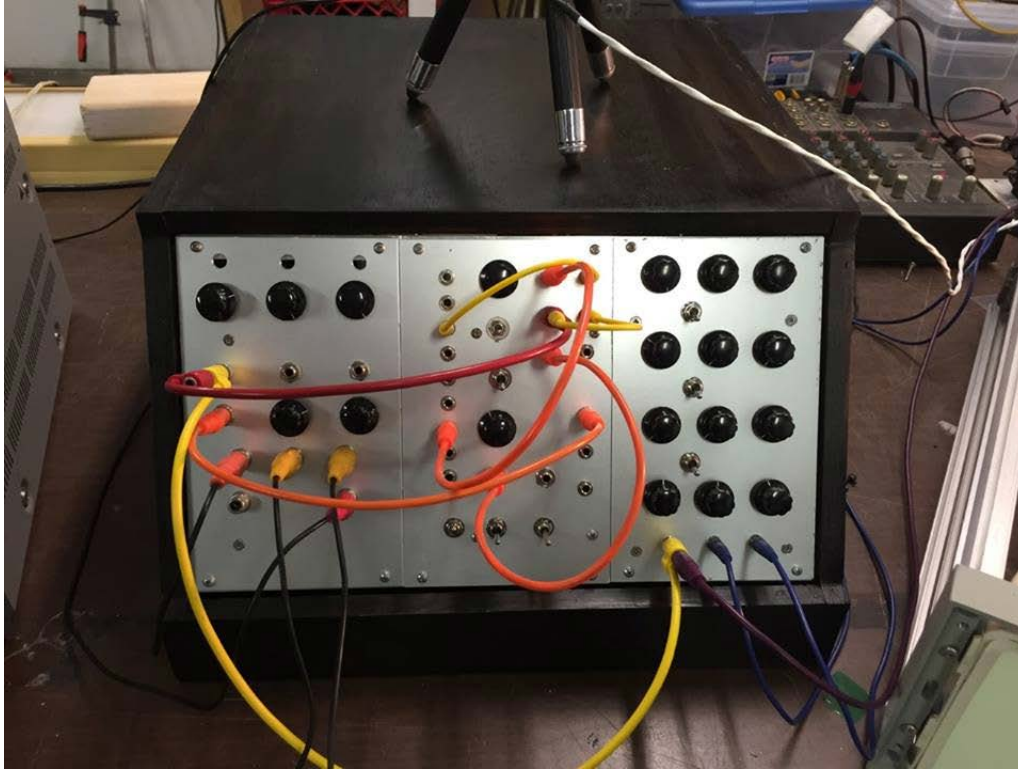
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Companies and organizations like to give stuff to libraries, and the worst they can do is say no.

Networking and Closing



Where can you make connections?

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Thank you!

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