

TOWARDS DIGITAL LITERACY

MAKERSPACES IN THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES OF BERLIN-MITTE

Schiller-Bibliothek

2016

The first makerspace in a public library in Berlin opens providing the following services:

- programming **robots**
- **3D** printing
- **textile** printing
- **hand-lettering**

Initially events happened in the middle of the library floor. In 2019 the makerspace moved to a new home in a **dedicated room** with all equipment in one place.

Makermobil - Bibliothek am Luisenbad

2020

We will introduce a mobile makerspace to the district. Visiting various locations in the district it will deliver the following services:

- programming **robots**
- **3D** printing
- **sewing**
- **mobile workshops** for repairing bikes

Through the mobile workshop we want to address the issues of **obsolescence**, **responsible consumption** and **waste reduction**.

Philipp-Schaeffer-Bibliothek

2019

Our second makerspace opens in October in the main library branch of the district. It will offer the following services:

- **3D** printing
- **sewing**
- **stitching**
- **photo** and **video** studio

In co-operation with different partners we open a new room for further **community building**.

“
Your idea,
your thing,
your place.
”

Under this slogan we want to encourage our users to become makers and join our makerspaces. Embracing the ideas of **community building**, **libraries as a place**, and **enabling technical and practical skills** has become an important part of our library work.

By investing in and expanding these services, the district of Berlin-Mitte will present its library users with the best in digital literacy education through the facilities provided by these three library makerspaces.

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