



Decatur Makers is a welcoming community of inquisitive people who work together in a safe environment to discover, understand, design and create interesting things. *What distinguishes Decatur Makers from other Atlanta-area makerspace communities is its inclusion of students:* It encourages and facilitates applied ingenuity for both school-aged kids and adults.

Makerspaces: A quick primer

A makerspace is both physical place and open community. Participants and members share resources and knowledge in order to build things. The space is typically equipped with a variety of technology, tools and materials – think of it as part workshop, tool shed, computer lab, machine shop and similar environments. Metro Atlanta has several makerspaces and a growing maker community.

A few other facts

- Organizers are now reviewing potential makerspace locations within the City of Decatur and are open to suggested sites. Once opened, the space may be used by people inside and outside the city
- Decatur Makers will serve a wide cross-section of people – e.g., entrepreneurs and hobbyists, students and retirees, parents and kids
- Decatur students are a good fit for the community. Example: The growing robotics program in City Schools of Decatur – including the DHS robotics team that recently participated in the world robotics competition in St. Louis – would benefit from having a nearby space to build and test robots
- Decatur Makers will hold a variety of classes and workshops so that people can safely develop their skills ... then make even more interesting things!

The grassroots origins of Decatur Makers

A group of Decatur residents joined together to plan and implement a family-friendly makerspace in Decatur. This founding group has approved a charter, filed as a Georgia nonprofit and formed a strategic partnership with the Decatur Education Foundation to launch the makerspace. The group is incorporated as a nonprofit organization and is working to get tax-exempt status.



Help bring the vision to life!

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