Big ideas, small budgets

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Introductions

Session format

Goals

Questions

Sponsors
Starting somewhere

“The secret to getting ahead is getting started.”
— Mark Twain

“Everybody has to start somewhere.”
— Haruki Murakami

"The beginning is the most important part of the work."
— Plato
Twenty things

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The story of the Collaboratory
Where we started

- Experience from STEAM programming & Library of Things
- An under-used computer lab
- A generous Friends of the Library group with $5000
- Lots of ideas!
The goals

- A space where the community can learn and MAKE!
- Available to the public as much as possible.
- Support lifelong learning.
- Provide popular & new materials & tech.
I want to learn to make movies.
The barriers

- This is all new!
- Small budget
- Space issues
- No dedicated staff
We found the people outside the Library.
Volunteers are the right people for the job!

- Expertise
- Excitement & passion
- Breadth & depth of knowledge
Innovations come with challenges of their own.
The work is worth it.
innovate

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verb

make changes in something established, especially by introducing new methods, ideas, or products
10 ways you can innovate at your library
Maintain psychological safety

Innovation should have your heart pumping. Within reason.
Mistakes happen

There is good and bad failure. Don’t romanticize it.

@Yamamochi223
Know your limits

Laws, policies, and contracts, etc. are barriers. And can be a good thing.
Exploration vs. execution

Know the difference between innovation and implementation.
Change is tough

Manage change intentionally. But remember that it will always be hard.
Find the root

Know what you’re solving for. Sometimes, this will involve re-framing the problem.
Embrace creative chaos

The thinker can’t always figure it out on their own. Don’t count on an epiphany.
Steal like an artist

Look outside your world for inspiration. Who does well?

https://blog.allstate.com/dog-doors/
Learning and progress happen when you just try something. Have a bias toward action.

http://frrpd.com/wildflower-festival/happy-dog-running-by-500px/
Have fun

Innovation should be a good time.
Check yourself.

http://www.adventurecats.org/indoor-adventures/indoor-adventure-cat/
Peter Piccolo

Libraries Transform - Education Innovation, Symposium on the Future of Libraries, February 10, 2018
Your challenge:
Design an animal that’s adapted to withstand a hurricane
The criteria

1. Can it stand up to high winds?
2. Can it keep its offspring dry?
3. How cute is it?
Break

be back in 20 min.
Wrap-up and feedback

Questions?
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