TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION FORUM
February 5, 2015 at Sachem Library

Bob Johnson opened the meeting at approximately 10:10am and went over the minutes from the January meeting. On a motion from Stephen Ingram, seconded by Chris DeCristofaro, they were approved. Chris then gave a presentation on Makerspace, a creative, DIY space where people gather to create, invent, and learn. He mentioned the Fayetteville Free Library model as an example of a highly successful and popular program.

- How to roll it out
- How to make communal space that works for staff and patrons
- More than just a 3D printer
  - Photo studio: digitize and enhance old photos, print photos,
  - Recording studio: make videos, convert VHS to DD and records to MP3 or CD
  - Podcasts, authorship help
  - Sew clothing, make jewelry, arts and crafts
  - Technology: fix pcs, learn to write code, build circuit boards, robots, simple computers
- Biggest issue – Space
  - Repurpose stagnant areas
  - Split it up
  - Make it portable
  - Outreach
- Staffing
  - All professional staff trained to work in space
  - Support staff
  - Scheduling of staff
  - Staff assistance during programming
- What makes a Makerspace?
  - Budget, size of library, need and wishes of community
  - Evolving and changing
  - Vision of how to serve the community and who you want to serve
  - Creativity – take inventory of what you have, then see what you can do
  - Space available
  - Hardware, software, accessories
    - Apps, iPads
- Policies & Guidelines (see Fayetteville)

- Funding
    - Take inventory of items already owned
    - Grants: librarygrants.blogspot.com, Best Buy, ALA grants, Library Services & Technology Act grants, Fordfoundation.org, Gates Foundation, LauraBushfoundation.org
    - Crowdfunding
- Know your space
    - Limited to imagination and budget
    - Start off small
    - Components already exiting in library
    - Space will change as need/ ideas change
    - Need for some level of security
    - Demographics

After this presentation, Dominic Iadiccio spoke about the Ultimaker 2 3D Printer that he purchased for his library, South Country. He is very pleased with this model as well as the great support he got from them. He also passed around some of the items he printed with the Ultimaker. Ellen Druda then spoke about the special project Half Hollow Hills Library is doing on their 3D printer. She passed around a prosthetic hand that they printed on their 3D printer and assembled (with a kit they bought for $20) and which is going to a young boy. They volunteered through e-Nable, "a global network of passionate volunteers using 3D printers to give the world a *Helping Hand."* Ellen and her library are planning on continuing to print prosthetics and urged members to check out the website, http://enablingthefuture.org/.

A short discussion on Windows 10 followed, with a recommendation for those interested to load the software on an old laptop to test it.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Schott