

Hi Helen. I was so happy to be able to attend Day 2 of your basic training series (like all the participants, I wish it had been able to go on for longer)! Here were some themes that arose:

1. Participants all stated that the focus on “doing” throughout the workshop was some of the best learning possible. As one participant mentioned, if I’m going to model this for my students, I first have to do it myself!
2. The focus on failure helped to build a bridge between making work and other initiatives like genius hour and mindset.
3. The wraparound at the start was appreciated by all attendees; participants mentioned how helpful it was to see what other districts were working on.
4. A few participants wondered if this work could be expanded to providing an “experienced” track for next year; those with MakerSpaces already in operation might opt for that option.
5. A number of attendees wondered if a deeper connection could be made between MakerSpace and Library Media Specialists.
6. Some of the feedback spoke to beginning to offer specialty options in making (electronics, soldering, etc.)

As always, thanks so much for the great work that you do for educators and our BOCES!

Best,

Fred