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Title: CDL Invites You to Explore the New Ingenuity Engine

Chelsea District Library (CDL) is thrilled to introduce our new Makerspace, the Ingenuity Engine. Whether you are a crafter, an artist, a non-profit organization, a small business owner, or someone who wants a space to create, the Ingenuity Engine was designed with you in mind. Located on the second floor of the library, the equipment available in this creative space includes a 3-D printer, laser cutter, Cricut & Silhouette vinyl cutters, sewing machines, audio-video editing equipment with Adobe Creative Suite, and more. Bring your imagination and we will help you bring your concept to reality!

CDL’s Technology Specialist, Matt Jensen, manages the Ingenuity Engine. Matt brought extensive experience from his time at the Chicago Public Library and helped to design CDL’s space. As Matt prepared the Ingenuity Engine for the public, he assisted CDL’s own Chris Berggren in converting some of his family VHS memories to a digital format. Chris remarked, "It’s a wonderful resource to preserve memories and create new ones, and Matt is the ideal staff member to help you navigate the equipment and get you exactly where you want to go."

Beginning November 1, Matt will offer classes to introduce different pieces of equipment. The schedule will be as follows:

- Monday November 1 | 3:30pm | 3D Printer: Design and Function Demo
- Tuesday November 9 | 3:30pm | Laser Cutter: Design and Function Demo
- Wednesday November 17 | 3:30pm | Vinyl Cutter: Design and Function Demo
- Wednesday December 1 | 3:30pm | Sewing Machine Demo

December 1’s class will also kick off the Collaborative Community Quilt Days, a multiple day, multi-generational workshop offered in cooperation with the C.A.A.D.Y. Corner Quilters, to
create a disappearing 9 patch quilt for display in the library. We would love your help! Your willingness is the only prerequisite needed for this project as we will be providing access to sewing machines, fabric, and lessons in both sewing and quilting for beginner through advanced participants. The finished product will hang in the Library stairwell as a memento to the strength of our collective ability and community. Unable to make it to one of the introductory classes, or have your own special project in mind? Visit www.chelseadistrictlibrary.org/ingenuity-engine to reserve the time that works best for you.

About Us: Chelsea District Library is a not for profit organization whose mission is to engage, inspire, and equip through evolving services and resources. The Library currently serves 15,010 residents in the Chelsea area including the City of Chelsea plus Dexter, Lima, Lyndon and Sylvan townships. More than 16,000 individuals visit the Library each month. For more information visit chelseadistrictlibrary.org.