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“Makerfest” Celebrates Creative Community in Monroe

MONROE - In sync with the statewide observance, the Monroe Township Public Library will be celebrating the maker culture during an upcoming March 10 festival.

Each March, “Makerfest” transforms the Monroe Township Library into a creative hub teeming with artists, inventors, crafters and hobbyists.

In its fourth year, the event has routinely drawn in crowds of around 500 attendees – a tradition the library hopes to continue.

“Every year, I look forward to this event,” said Monroe Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro. “It’s educational, entertaining and an all-around great experience for all walks of life – from our seniors to our kids. It’s also open to the general public, so even out-of-towners can attend, which I encourage everyone to do.”

The 2018 Monroe Makerfest will feature the library’s own in-house offerings like 3D printing and machines for sewing and custom button-making. Additionally, the festival will highlight local organizations, businesses and vendors, who showcase their products and crafts, and young makers looking to share their new-age and diverse interests, ranging from robotics to coding.

“During this time, hundreds of locations all around the state will be paying tribute to the maker community, which has expanded over the years to include so many types of genres and interests,” said Monroe Township Library Director Irene Goldberg. “This is a space and a time designated for playing, creating and innovating. We also continue to build on the previous year by offering new components each time around.”

Library staff members anticipate around 25 exhibitors during the gathering; although, the deadline to apply for a display is slated for March 2.

“It’s free and it’s fun – that’s the selling point,” said Monroe Council President Stephen Dalina, liaison to the Township’s library. “You may even discover a new interest or your next great pastime in the process. I only hope everyone can stop in for what promises to be an unforgettable day.”

For more information on Monroe’s Makerfest, which is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the library, 4 Municipal Plaza, contact event organizers at 732-521-5000 or log onto www.monroetwplibrary.org.

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