

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

## San Diego Public Library

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## Tinker, Create, and Learn with the Mobile FabLab @ Your Library

**SAN DIEGO** – A mobile "makerspace" is coming to the **North University Community Branch Library** at 8820 Judicial Dr., San Diego, CA 92122.

The mobile FabLab is a "makerspace" or creative workspace inside a 30 ft. trailer on loan from the Center for Bits at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to FabLab San Diego. It includes 3D printers, laser cutters, and computer-controlled fabrication machines found in "fablabs" world-wide.



Join us for this exciting opportunity to see it in action and learn how to design, develop, and fabricate almost everything! The lab will be open to the public for hands-on activities during these dates/times:

Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 3rd at 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

## About FabLab San Diego

The San Diego installation of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Global Fab Lab Network began in 2007, with the aim of actualizing ideas by turning concepts into physical forms through design and fabrication. From this origin, FabLab San Diego has focused on 1) connecting youth and adults with technology through education and 2) developing partnerships locally to create site-specific learning programs. With roots in the Maker, Hacker and DIY Movements, FabLab SD is currently focused on providing resources for local inventors, developers, makers, and innovators through learning opportunities. FabLab San Diego has served the community of San Diego by granting learners of all ages a free space where we offer multiple ways to explore digital fabrication and opportunities to experiment and create. For more information about FabLab San Diego, please visit <u>http://fablabsd.org</u>.

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## About the San Diego Public Library

The San Diego Public Library serves over 1.3 million San Diego residents and operates a Central Library and 35 branches throughout the city of San Diego. Its mission is to inspire lifelong learning through connections to knowledge and each other. The new Central Library @ Joan  $\Lambda$  Irwin Jacobs Common, which opened on September 30, 2013, is San Diego's new civic icon that embodies the city's commitment to the future.

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