

## PRESS RELEASE

### WRL Debuts New Public Creating Space and Tools

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (March 3, 2022) – Williamsburg Regional Library (WRL) welcomes members of the community to explore their creativity through its new Makerspace and mobile Digital Memory Lab in the Williamsburg Library.



*A wooden Glowforge creation. Full-sized image available upon request.*

The Makerspace is a room within the Williamsburg Library that holds 3D printers, a Glowforge 3D laser printer, Cricut machines, and sewing machines. During open hours, users can bring their own materials and do custom projects. WRL has a limited amount of material for practice; library staff will help teach users how to operate the tools. Open hours for this space will be 2 pm to 6 pm Monday through Thursday, and 1 pm to 5 pm on Sunday.

The Digital Memory Lab is a do-it-yourself mobile lab for digitizing various audio/visual media formats including VHS, photos, documents, and slides. Users will have access to knowledgeable library staff as well as instructions on how to use the equipment. The Digital Memory Lab can move to various rooms within the Williamsburg Library. Access to this technology is by appointment only; the public visit [wrl.org/book](http://wrl.org/book) or call

757.741.3370 to get started.

“We are so excited to be able to offer this new creative space as well as state-of-the-art technology and tools to the public,” said Williamsburg Regional Library Director Betsy Fowler. “Libraries have become a place to experience hands-on learning activities for all ages.”

Both the Makerspace and the Digital Memory Lab are limited to users ages 13 and up and are available to any guest, regardless of whether they have a library card. Users will need to sign a use agreement and are responsible for ensuring their work complies with copyright and intellectual property laws. Learn more about both at [wrl.org/create](http://wrl.org/create).



***WRL's new Makerspace at the Williamsburg Library. Full-sized photo available upon request.***

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*The Williamsburg Regional Library (WRL) is an award-winning regional library system that consists of the Williamsburg Library on Scotland St. in Williamsburg, the James City County Library on Croaker Rd. in James City County, the Stryker Center on N. Boundary St. in Williamsburg, and its Mobile Library Services vehicles. The WRL service area includes the City of Williamsburg, James City County, and York County.*

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