

Maker Library Network

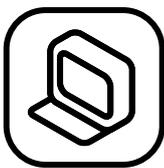
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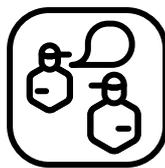
The Maker Library Network (MLN) is a British Council project that connects designers and makers internationally. A Maker Library is a creative space for making, showing and reading, containing three key elements of a makerspace, a gallery and a library, connected via an online platform. Through these unique networked spaces makers swap skills, share resources, exchange ideas and take part in mentoring sessions



SHARING



CONNECTING



COLLABORATING

> The Concept

Conceived by Daniel Charny and developed with From Now On, Maker Libraries are creative spaces that combine reading, showing and making. This new type of library, whilst encouraging local development, is also part of a new international mentoring network.

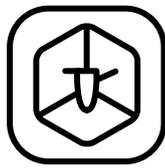
When a Maker Library (ML) is set up, the librarian receives a starter kit which includes a blueprint and materials budget to build a library, a core set of books, a growing resource of open designs and access to a panel of mentors via an online platform.



LIBRARY



MAKESPACE



GALLERY

> The Spaces

Maker Libraries are workspaces defined by three key elements: a library, a makerspace and a gallery. Librarians in each country will be able to share and adapt the MLN principles for their local conditions and location; whether in their studio, in the corner of a cafe, or in a purpose built traveling vehicle.



LIBRARIAN



MAKER



MENTOR

> The People

Each Maker Library is led by a librarian who is interested in fostering creative, social thinking and learning through making. Each library will run a dynamic programme of activities which is informed by the librarian's interests. As an active member of the MLN community, the librarian has an opportunity to connect, learn and contribute with like-minded people. Members of the MLN will also have access to a pool of mentors who will be sharing knowledge and resources via the online platform.