#critlib: Makerspaces

Storify of the #critlib chat from March 10, 2015 about Makerspaces, moderated by @foureyedsoul. For more about #critlib, please see http://tinyurl.com/critlibx

[I tried to include all of Tweets from the chat and string Tweets from the same thread together as best as I could. Retweets, favorites, & tweets without the hashtag omitted on purpose. Lacunae, misreadings, or other mistakes my own.]

Tonight's #critlib is about #makerspace opportunities & shortcomings! 6pPT/ 7pMT/ 8pCT/ 9pET tinyurl.com/critlibx pic.twitter.com/O21P8n3Vsf

Let's start with introductions!

Hello #critlib folks! Tonight we're talking about #makerspaces. Let's start with introductions. I'm Ryan, an MLS students at @iuil5
Hi from brooklyn #critlib! I'm in and out between watching the Bachelor and eating thin mints.

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Hi #critlib! I'm Annie, an academic librarian in Chicago. I'm gonna be in and out of tonight's chat. About to ride my bike home!

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Thanks for moderating this week's #critlib @foureyedsoul, esp. after stepping in to run the last onc. Jenna here, from Barnard College, NYC

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heya #critlib, I'm rachel in NC, Acq Librarian, realtor dot com browser (!!!)

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I'm Dave. Academic Librarian in Seattle. On the bus so my participation is limited :) #critlib

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Hi #critlib, I'm Kelly, student engagement and outreach lib'n in Oregon.

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hi, #critlib. Sveta here. MLS student w/ interest in DH at Illinois, so this is something I think about sometimes. [in & out on the VR desk]

3 YEARS AGO
Mita Williams
@foureyedsoul

Hello! I'm Mita from Windsor, Ontario and I'm interested in this intersection of makerspaces and #critlib

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Alyssa Vincent
@vin_allyssa

Hi #critlib! I'm Alyssa, an academic librarian in Chicago, and I'm v. interested in makerspaces.

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Kathleen DeLaurenti
@delaubrarian

hi #critlib - academic lib in VA!

3 YEARS AGO

James Howe
@RutgersCommInfo

Hi! I'm James, #MLIS student @RutgersCommInfo. Helping out @njla maker day, interested in DH & games! #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

Ruth C
@collingsruth

I'm not doing #critlib because I have a migraine so here is the tl;dr: yes to making things in libraries, no to libertarian maker culture

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Ryan Randall
@foureyedsoul

@collingsruth Hope you feel better. That's one of the best "tl;dr"s I've seen in a while. #critlib

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Hi #critlib, I'm Christina, an academic librarian in Maine. I'll be in and out while on the #refdesk


Hey #critlib folks, I'm Sara academic librarian, living in CT, I will be in and out as well but am excited about this conversation

Hi #critlib, Lisa, Los Angeles, librarian

Hi #critlib. This is Mohamed from Penn State University.

Allison from @UMiamiLibraries lurking on tonight's #critlib chat re:makerspaces, b/c I am super interested in participatory library programs
Maura Smale
mauraweb

Late to #critlib but here! I'm Maura from a large public college in Brooklyn.

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Andrew Ward
awlibrarian

Showing up late to #critlib! Andrew here, 1st timer, @PrattSILS

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Question 1

What aspects of #critlib mesh well with #makerspaces - access, approach, pedagogy, technology, etc.?

Ryan Randall
foureyesoul

Okay: Q1 What aspects of #critlib mesh well with #makerspaces - access, approach, pedagogy, technology, etc.? (remember to tag yr answers)

3 YEARS AGO

Lisa Lepore
lisafepo

other kinds of knowledge instrumental, instructional, valued #critlib

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Alyssa Vincent
@vin_alyssa

Q1 Pedagogically, I think makerspaces go with #critlib. They don't issue directives, and instead encourage exploration. Ideally. #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

James Howe
plutoHimself

@vin_alyssa user-driven explorations extremely #critped. learning to solve individual problems with intrinsic motivation #critlib

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@plutoHimself Yes! And maybe solving/exploring individual problems inspires them to look at problems affecting their communities. #critlib

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Q1: First off, not to be a lib’n and all definey about this, but I’m just going w/”makerspace” as ”a place where people make stuff” #critlib

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Good point, @kellymce — we’re using a fluid definition of ”Makerspace” for tonight’s #critlib be there’s a range of ways & approaches

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@kellymce So...makerspaces aren’t limited to labs with 3D printers? #critlib

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@PeaBriddy @barnlib @filarwilliams I just talked with @filarwilliams abt this at lunch today -- tech gets the buzz, but can be more inclusive. #critlib

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@PeaBriddy @barnlib @filarwilliams I have mixed feelings about that -- say, preexisting spaces being *claimed* as makerspaces. #critlib

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Q1: Access - can use tech or opensourse versions traditionally restricted to "expertise" or money. 
#critlib

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Same! #makerspace need not be tech. Origami w/repurposed papers totally #Maker. Knitting, etc. #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

Q1: So yeah, corporeal learning, exploration, ways to connect peeps with $$$ things they don’t have other access to, all seem #critlib to me

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A1 making things as a chance to see, to an extent, what goes in to 'stuff that is made' if that makes sense. & that aligns w/#critlib imo

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Does it create something out of other things? Then it is a makerspace. #critlib

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A1 Expanding access to collectively-owned resources, instructing people to do things for themselves, fostering critical outlook #critlib

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Lauren Wallis
@LaurenMWallis
A1: #makerspaces mesh with #critlib because they (can) make space for non-mainstream voices.

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Kelly McElroy
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Q1: Also, the flexibility around what is valuable knowledge, and inclusion -- pick up skills from peers, not just from a teacher #critlib

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Sveta Stoytcheva
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.@kellymc yes! + an opportunity for a really interesting multidimensional collaboration, beyond trad. classroom group work #critlib

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Lisa Lepore
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Q1 makerspace as place of political making and community activism. making through planning #critlib

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Ryan Randall
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If your love for definitions knows no bounds, here’s a nice quick taxonomy of spaces from Make Magazine makezine.com/2013/05/22/the... #critlib

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.@foureyedsoul Looks like a room full of mostly white dudes, presumably with money, not interacting much. #critlib #cynicalaboutmakerspaces

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Sveta Stoytcheva
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A1.2 makerspaces are often places to reuse, repurpose, repair stuff rather than buy new stuff. So, sustainability as a factor #critlib

Lisa Lepore
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A1 #Makerspace as anarchist space, neighborhood space. #critlib

Allison Jai O’Dell
@AllisonJaiODell

Q1: #makerspaces provide an opportunity to look at library programs, space, and governance with fresh eyes. #critlib

Emily Drabinski
@edrabinski

Q1 Makerspace as knowledge-making space. Everything old is new again! #critlib

James Howe
@plutoHimself
@edrabinski @oksveta important to connect the 2. new ways to repurpose thru social construction/knowledge & break intrpers barriers #critlib

Mita Williams
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#q1 Both folks in makerspaces and folks engaged in #critlib dialogue enjoying taking things apart and hacking them into something improved

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Q1: And not to be a Pollyanna, but the can-do attitude of makerspaces strikes me as #critlib. It is what drew me to zines and c’m’ty spaces.

Christina Bell

Makerspaces are a great opportunity to connect with new community, break down hierarchies of who is the "expert" #critlib

Ryan Randall

A1.1 I also personally see Makerspaces as odd kin to anarchist infoshops & zine distros—perhaps an overly optimistic definition? #critlib

Lisa Lepore

@foureyed soul Me too. We make it what it is. Others make it what it is. #critlib

Sveta Stoytcheva

@foureyed soul depends on the makerspace, i suppose. many [oft opposing] genealogies are condensed into one term. #critlib

Barnard Library

@foureyed soul Makerspace as anarchist infoshop/zine distro—I would like that to be true, but makerspaces feel inaccessible. #critlib
James Howe
plutoHimself
@foureyedsoul I disagree. #makerspace typic institutional. can be derived from infoshop ideals. ultimately lib space are corporate #critlib
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Barnard Library
barnlib @barnlib
I'm afraid I don't have much to contribute to this #critlib disc'n on #makerspaces other cynicism & snark. Pls tell me why I shd love them.
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James Howe
plutoHimself
@barnlib I just chill&listen sometimes. You don't have to love, but I think worthwhile recognizing their space in user engagement #critlib
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Question 2

What aspects of #makerspaces could benefit from substantial critique? #critlib

Ryan Randall
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Great! This lack of consensus on spaces brings us to: Q2 What aspects of #makerspaces could benefit from substantial critique? #critlib
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Adam HeidebrinkBruno
@adamheid
@foureyedsoul #makerspaces often spend a large % of time to learning/experimenting with a tech/tool; limits other critical aspects #critlib
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A2: The excessive focus on tech and other expensive-to-acquire tools that some see as "necessary" for makerspaces. #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

@vin_alyssa A2: THIS. People make their own barrier to entry when just shown as tech or 3D printing that's very not #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

A2 I worry abt access, adding a makerspace in my library feels impossible w/space/budget/personnel constraints. #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

A2 I'd like them to be more avowedly "process-spaces," with a focus on pedagogy & craft/mending/etc as much as "making" #critlib

3 YEARS AGO

.@foureyedsoul well said. A nice product is good, but in terms of learning, that intentional focus on process/method is key #critlib

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A2: My main (potentially reactionary) concern: makerspaces in the hands of neoliberalism = further displacing all sort of paid labor #critlib

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A2 Who are the makers? #critlib

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Q2: Focus on tech to the exclusion of craft; focus on money (making or spending it) to the exclusion of free or cheap things. #critlib

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@kellymce Yes. two big problem areas here. #critlib

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Perhaps not in libs but #makerspaces sometimes seem like another avenue to consumer culture. #critlib

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#critlib Critique of makerspace depends on the making- a knitting group has different needs than something heavily tech.

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#critlib Q2 how much of this makerspacing is duplicating other community efforts (more poorly?) instead of supporting and adding to them?

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Christina Bell

I wonder the role of librarians here- are we setting ourselves up to be gatekeepers? Experts? Participants? #critlib

Kelly McElroy

@librarybell that is totally beautifully phrased! also, bummer. #critlib

Adam HeidebrinkBruno

@adamheid

.@kellymc @librarybell Are #makerspaces yet another iteration of the "open" culture that produced a 90% male #wikipedia ? #critlib

Andrew Kosmowski

@BroAKJ

@adamheid @kellymc @librarybell depends on #makerspace #critlib 1/2

Andrew Kosmowski

@BroAJK

@adamheid @kellymc @librarybell saw a school's w/girls using sewing machines. Don't know if that affected it 2/2 #critlib

Adam HeidebrinkBruno

@adamheid

.@BroAJK @kellymc @librarybell Of course -- though I'd love to see some national or international statistics #critlib
Christina Bell
librarybell

@adamheid @BroAJK @kellymce I think this is exactly where #critlib comes in- consciousness of what it could be (for better or worse)

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Ryan Randall
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A2.1 Framed another way, getting away from a focus on "shipping a product" towards a constructivist pedagogy, kinda like Bauhaus #critlib

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Jacob Berg
@jacobobsberg

@foureyedsoul The plastic crap made by 3D printers I've seen demo'd at library conferences? #critlib A2

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Sveta Stoytcheva
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a2. this feels like cheating a bit, but primacy of 'things' over people. #critlib borrowing from Deb Chachra's piece: tinyletter.com/metafoundry/le...

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Mita Williams
copystarencopy

#q2 Many makerspaces highlight their educational potential. #critlib can help in the asking what is being taught and learned and why

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Andrew Ward
awlibrarian

Also, 3d printers seem to think they can save the world through producing more plastic disposable stuff. #critlib

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James Howe
plutoHimself

@awlibrarian was recently chatting w/tech svcs lib, he doesn't see point in having 3D printer b/c what do people do with it? #critlib

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Sveta Stoytcheva
oksveta@oksveta

.@awlibrarian +1 imo tied to larger discourse that values "more/better tech" over political solutions to complex problems. #critlib

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Andrew Ward
awlibrarian

@oksveta @plutoHimself Goes back to the idea of process vs. product. Why make? is the real ?. To solve issues? Culture "Hacks"? etc #critlib

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James Howe
plutoHimself

@awlibrarian @oksveta < link she just posted had good thoughts on that. Thank u both for this new thought. #critlib

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James Howe
plutoHimself

@awlibrarian @oksveta always necessary to keep in mind when developing #UX in&out of lib. People over processes, users over info #critlib

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Death&Trash
@biblioclast_AD

@oksveta @awlibrarian and/or human solutions to complex problems #critlib

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Sveta Stoytcheva
@oksveta

@biblioclast_ADPin @awlibrarian for sure. just thinking about how innovation/ethical consumerism come to displace collective action #critlib

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@oksveta @awlibrarian Yup the whole Zizek line! Also "worrying about the dishes while the care being repo’d" ethos. #critlib

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Kelly McElroy
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Q2: There can be an unpleasant dudeliness about makerspaces. Not all makerspaces! But, some.
#critlib

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@biblioclast_ADPM

@foureyed soul Q2 worrying about the social relationships reinscribed in 'tech culture' as panacea #critlib

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Bohyun Kim
bohyunkim

There is neoliberalism ideology lurking in the maker culture that we need to be aware of. #critlib
A2

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Adam HeidebrinkBruno
@adamheid

@bohyunkim make make make -- make more things! Growth economy -- yeah, I see it. I fear it.
#critlib

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Adam HeidebrinkBruno
@adamheid

@bohyunkim but imagine a #makerspace where we make fewer things, but more useful things, socially conscious makerspace #critlib

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James Howe
plutoHimself

@adamheid @bohyunkim yes but: where's the line between directing use of space & encouraging but ultimately abstaining? #critlib

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Bohyun Kim
bohyunkim

@adamheid Yes I agree. The direction of current biohackerspaces is much closer to that line - socially conscious and responsible. #critlib

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Bohyun Kim
bohyunkim

@adamheid The negative side of bigPharma helped the current stance of biohacking; this not so much in the current maker culture. #critlib

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James Howe
plutoHimself

@adamheid @bohyunkim part of #makerspace use in lib is getting the very idea of one into ppl's heads. Allowing them to explore #critlib

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Adam HeidebrinkBruno
@adamheid

@bohyunkim The parallel would be/could be the neg. side of consumer culture could generate a more meaningful #makerspace culture #critlib

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James Howe
plutoHimself

@adamheid @bohyunkim do we post guidelines about how space should be used & thereby discourage potential users? #critlib

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Adam HeidebrinkBruno
@adamheid

@plutoHimself @bohyunkim That’s a hard one. Though, the inverse - in not posting guidelines, do you instill libertarian values? #critlib

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Bohyun Kim
bohyunkim

.@adamheid Yes it is a potential but the current maker culture is already mainstream and commercialized quite a bit. #critlib

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Lisa Lepore
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In library, had public reading of Coates’ Case for Reparations. Many read, all listened, witnessed. Knowledge gained=makerspace? #critlib

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Kelly McElroy
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Q2: Like @lisa.lepore said, who gets to use the makerspace? who gets excluded, or simply isn’t marketed? #critlib

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James Howe
plutoHimself

@kellymc #notallmakerspaces

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Truey laughing out loud at #notallmakerspaces @kellymce #critlib Also, I absolutely agree. Experienced this also with infoshops, sadly.

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@foureyedsoul Yeah! Lots of cool subcultures have this going on. #critlib

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#critlib Q2 the ideology seems to be about having and offering instead of being responsive to expressed needs. view from over here anyway.

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I want to marry #critlib for asking all the questions and making all the comments I wanted to make during the development of our makerspace.

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@megmachinemusic Well, now you can @Storify and bring to your next meeting! #critlib

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@plutoHimself @awlibrarian @edrabinski If a 3D printer can't make Thin Mints (now vegan), what's the point? #critlib

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Ryan Randall
foureyed soul

A2.2 To what degree does an institution's promotion of "makerspace" & its rhetoric imply rest of library isn't about creation? #critlib

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Death&Trash
@biblioclast_AD

@foureyed soul Q1 and Q2 stealing copies is a makerspace! #critlib

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Kelly McElroy
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Q2: Also, what about *fixing* things? Not just making new things? #critlib

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Michael Mitchell
@M_Librarian

A2 would love to see concern for identifying commty needs ahead of time + assessing if space addresses those needs. #critlib

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Barnard Library
barnlib @barnlib

Q2 #critlib Thinking how tech/hacker spaces don't have to be off putting. If they can be safe spaces of learning & sharing, that's rad. 1/2

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barnlib @barnlib

2/2 Q2 #critlib Related to how the feminist zine fest at mpow this wknd had a diff feel than non-explicitly feminist zine fests, welcoming.

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ftr non-feminist zine fests can be welcoming, too, but feminist ones are super warm and friendly.
#critlib

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Question 3

What might a #critlib version of a #makerspace look like? Do you have experiences with #makerspaces that you'd suggest others emulate?

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@foureyedsoul Curious in a few years how makerspaces will have to justify themselves as line items on budgets #critlib

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@biblioclast_AD @foureyedsoul #critlib maybe b/c I just found that link, but I think the best parts of extension service are a good model.

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@foureyedsoul A3: Needs to have strong emphasis on mentorship, one that builds reflection into the process of making #critlib

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Mita Williams

#critlib the original makerspaces were hackerspaces which were very political in their work (concerned w/privacy etc) See: c-base

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Ryan Randall

#critlib #makerspaces might frame themselves as ways for patrons to take a bit of the lead in an institution’s programming/resources

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Ryan Randall

A3.1 Also, #critlib makerspaces might intentionally focus on what has been called "critical making" by people like @RogerWhitson, @adr, etc

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M is for Rachel

#critlib like things like a gardener's cooperative where there is tool & labor sharing & sharing expertise like this! watauga.ces.ncsu.edu/spotlight/high...

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Kelly McElroy

Q3: I feel like @ZAPPSeattle was a #critlib makerspace when I volunteered there a zillion years ago. FreeSkull FTW!

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Kelly McElroy

Q3: It really isn't about the space, IMO -- are the people (lib staff and community) using it for #critlib?
Q3: Also, who are you inviting in? Who are you taking money from?  #critlib

Kelly McElroy

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Q3: At MPOW, the 3D printer is where you first walk in, so anyone can see what is being made. It builds community, invites Qs!  #critlib

Kelly McElroy

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a3 - my search skills are failing me now (yikes!), but feminist hackerspaces come to mind as a #critlib model for makerspaces

Sveta Stoytcheva

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@oksjeta East of Borneo and the Women’s Center for Creative Work held an edit-a-thon to thwart Wikipedia’s gender bias @LACMA.  #critlib

Lisa Lepore

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The current idealization of the maker culture overemphasizes individuals over systems & unfairly treats work as hobby without pay.  #critlib

Bohyun Kim

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.@bohyunkim yeah, in many ways I see it strengthening the #edtech movement, that good tech can replace good teachers.  #critlib

Adam HeidebrinkBruno

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@bohyunkim When really you’d get more learning out of bad tech and good teachers (no surprise). #critlib

@adamheid @bohyunkim was thinking about this yesterday with backlash against Accelerated Reader vs gamification #edtech #critlib

.@plutoHimself @bohyunkim interesting, I haven’t thought about gamification in relation to AR. Hmm... #critlib

@adamheid @bohyunkim AR is early & basic #gamification & hella problematic for any of its benefits (I think) #critlib

@adamheid @plutoHimself There is a positive side to the maker culture! The reason why I point out negative side is for balance. :) #critlib

@bohyunkim @plutoHimself Oh certainly. I've taught coding to elementary kids, and I felt that tension every lesson. #critlib
@bohyunkim @adamheid & b/c this is totally important to Q3 #critlib : how do we develop critical makerspace? by grappling with these ?.

Adam HeidebrinkBruno @adamheid .@plutoHimself @bohyunkim yes, Make, critique, remake, re-critique, and repeat ad infinitum #critlib #makerspace

James Howe @adamheid @bohyunkim The #critlib struggle is never done. #reflection informs #praxis informs #reflection

Mita Williams #q3 of #critlib There are makerspaces like sudoroom.org that I think are interesting...

Ryan Randall Cool, people are already getting to #critlib Q4, but I'll post it explicitly anyways

Question 4

What policies, actions, or programming would you recommend for #makerspaces seeking to be more inclusive and socially aware? #critlib

Ryan Randall Q4 What policies, actions, or programming would you recommend for #makerspaces seeking to be more inclusive and socially aware? #critlib
Andrew Kosmowski
@BroAJK
@foureysoul Maybe a clothing repair seminar. Teach how to sew basics #critlib

James Howe
@plutoHimself
@BroAJK @foureysoul I LOVE THIS. also doesn’t need MAJOR sewing expertise to teach/use! #critlib great idea!

Andrew Kosmowski
@BroAJK
@plutoHimself @foureysoul many current machine don’t need foot pedal; instead have throttle & start button like lawnmower #critlib

M is for Rachel
@Fleming
#critlib (off topic rant?) maybe b/c I'm a stoic, but things are just things. they are literally worth nothing. the space. is worth nothing.

M is for Rachel
@Fleming
the value, definition, and usefulness comes from somewhere else. there is a lot of idolization and coopting and not enough doing. #critlib

M is for Rachel
@Fleming
"we're gonna have a makerspace!" without an expressed ethic, understanding of service communities, or goal... problematic. #critlib
James Howe
plutoHimself
@RachelMFleming building sustainable #makerspace, nay, library practices instead of just jumping on trend. #critlib

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Kelly McElroy
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Q4: Pricing seems like a big thing to be mindful of. Sliding scale? #critlib

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Lisa Lepore
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A4 Creation of community archival material, documenting. Recording oral histories. #critlib

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Barnard Library
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Q4 I think talking, processing, consensus, and yeah, community agreements (CoC). Building a culture of self/privilege awareness. #critlib

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Bohyun Kim
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Current maker culture represents the mix of techno-utopianism + neoliberalism + demand of the labor market for adaptable workforce #critlib

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Adam HeidebrinkBruno
@adamheid
@plutoHimself @bohyunkim exactly, and it's when one project is done and another is immediately begun that worries me #critlib

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Adam HeidebrinkBruno
@adamheid

@plutoHimself @bohyunkim that seems to reinforce the myth of a disposable culture (probably for progress or some shit) #critlib

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Christina Bell
librarybell

Makerspaces in libraryland can’t be the next bandwagon we jump on to prove our relevance- it needs to be for the community we serve #critlib

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Death&Trash
@biblioclast_AD

@librarybell but what if it is just that? #critlib

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Christina Bell
librarybell

@biblioclast_AD I'm reflecting on the history of collective "making," like knitting circles and quilting bees. 1/2 #critlib

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Death&Trash
@biblioclast_AD

@librarybell totally. I know! These things predate the trend #critlib

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Andrew Kosmowski
@BroAJK

@librarybell @biblioclast_AD Quilting waned in 1970s and saw resurgence in late 1990s I think. Member of a local guild #critlib

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Andrew Kosmowski
@BroAJK
@librarybell @biblioclast_ADPI know it’s back, and it doesn’t take much to produce #critlib
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Kelly McElroy
kellymc@kellymce
Q4: I’m thinking of bike co-ops that have queer/trans*/women-specific nights, too. Make a point of inviting peeps who aren’t using. #critlib
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James Howe
plutoHimself
@kellymc I saw that link. @RUREc uses one pool ONLY for kids/women only swim lessons. #critlib lots of potential here.
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Adam HeidebrinkBruno
@adamheid
.@kellymc yes intentional inviting, and building a culture of inclusion, specifically aimed towards those historically excluded #critlib
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Ryan Randall
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A4 is really a Q I wonder about. How to bring awareness of social structures into spaces often focused on individual actions? #critlib
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M is for Rachel
RachelMfleming@Mfleming
#critlib I think you gotta believe that stuff is already there. as professionals it’s our job to draw it out of our users? @foureyedsoul
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Late to #critlib... makerspaces=not 3d print/tech only- but space to experiment,fail,learn, cross pollinate, collaborate, fabricate

@filarwilliams

makerspaces aren't new; we are going to back to a constructionist idea of learning by doing - instead of consuming as we do today #critlib

@filarwilliams

@filarwilliams So like a coffeeshop? Makerspaces aren't new, then? Let's think about @foureysedoul's Q about rhetoric (&naming)#critlib

@Death&Trash

@filarwilliams DIY movement might stem from wanting to learn skills and info? #critlib

@filarwilliams

@BroAJK #critlib yes learn new skills (knitting, gardening too!) learn to create and not just consume.. yes?

@filarwilliams

@BroAJK you could, or expand from quilting at your space, maybe embedding conductive thread in your quilt... #critlib
James Howe  
@BroAJK @filarwilliams not feeling that producers/companies can respond well to hiccups in use/consumption of product #critlib  
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Ian Beilin  
@ibeilin  
@filarwilliams Are doing and making the same? Do you have to make in order to do? i.e. learning by making = learning by doing? #critlib  
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Sveta Stoytcheva  
@ksveta@oksvekta  
A4 hmm programming aimed at activists, provide space for making protest signs, flyers, etc in response to events in the community #critlib  
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Death&Trash  
@biblioclast_ADPI  
@oksvekta there was that infoshop article on the readings for tonight #critlib  
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Kelly McElroy  
@kellymce  
A4: Recognize there are *many* maker subcultures. Not everything has to be assimilated! Help people connect to what already exists. #critlib  
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Lisa Lepore  
@lisaflep @lisaflepore  
A4 Feed public life. Foster civic life. #critlib  
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Question 5

What workshops could libr* lead at #makerspaces to forward #critlib ideas? If unable to affect policy, how can we become involved?
Q5 What workshops could libr* lead at #makerspaces to forward #critlib ideas? If unable to affect policy, how can we become involved?

@foureyedsoul makers should always be able to identify the need and articulate the social benefits of their project #critlib

@foureyedsoul or additionally/alternatively, maker should clearly identify the costs (inc. human/env.) that went into making #critlib

@foureyedsoul I'd like to use them to help community re-gain skills that offer more self-sufficiency and less purchase reliance #critlib

A5 I love the ideas from @oksveta & @BroAJK about making protest signs or sewing repair. I'll add critical making workshops #critlib

This #critlib is making me think more about the work that lib’ns have done to get makerspaces into libs at all. New perspective!
Q5: How to actually run #makerspace program. Forget about the content. what models/resources lead to success/how we define success? #critlib

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The maker culture is well aligned w/ the way businesses and economy are moving forward now & that’s why it went mainstream. 1/2 #critlib

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But there are things to be retained that the maker culture may lose sight of, e.g. what is the purpose of making after making. 2/2 #critlib

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.@bohyunkim right? do we promote a @Uber culture in telling everyone to be their own maker? Kiss labor rights goodbye. #critlib

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.@adamheid @bohyunkim Oh, let's please not! Instead maybe have spaces w/explicitly radical politics. Even if they seem similar #critlib

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.@adamheid Yup with Uber your freinds are now your drivers, and with AirbNb your neighborhood turns into tourist rentals. #critlib

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@bohyunkim Just carpooling and Couchsurfing. Thx but no thanks world not everything is a transaction, not every person a consumer #critlib

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@filarwilliams aren't we ALL makers? or shouldn't we all be? #critlib

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@filarwilliams This is also where the definition of makerspace starts to fall apart for me...cuz I make stuff all over the place! #critlib

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@kellymce @filarwilliams Maybe it's: We're all makers but to what effect? What if spaces lead to making = making something happen #critlib

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@kellymce @filarwilliams but do ppl see these activities as critical actions? I feel no. #critlib #makerspace encourage sharing of expertise

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@plutoHimself @kellymce #critlib I think its the sharing of expertise + sharing of equipt tools supplies you might not have otherwise

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@filarwilliams @plutoHimself And I recognize the need to make *just for fun*, which doesn't have to dilute the empowering, #critlib part...

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@kellymce @filarwilliams & play is disruptive activity >:D but more: empowering users thru identifying basic skills as more than #critlib

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#q5 Do the librarians #critlib of use beautiful (but closed and controlled) Apple products? Perhaps we can learn from the makers too ;)

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Q5: Dunno, go ask your communities, dudes. #critlib

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advocacy starts with authority (in the sense of knowing & understanding your community) if you don't have that, you're in trouble. #critlib

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Q5 I think a key is to try to assume that we're coming into already existing spaces. what do ppl want/need, we have to offer? #critlib

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A5: Librarians pitching community probs to makerspaces as projects to be solved by participants? #critlib

@awlibrarian 2/2 Sort of, recognize need and then give it to the patrons to work over and come up with solutions #critlib

@awlibrarian like, use lib's kitchen and cookware to feed homeless in lib? #critlib

brilliant idea! @awlibrarian like, use lib's kitchen and cookware to feed homeless in lib? #critlib

@awlibrarian how about the community pitches the community problems? & then solves them? the further we step back, just facilitate. #critlib

@RachelMFleming @awlibrarian that's a deliciously #critlib idea, & speaks to "reinvention" libs like to talk about these days
Lisa Lepore
@lisaflepore

@RachelMFleming @awlibrarian Makerspace as in making ourselves scarce while we provide space and whatever tools we can offer up. #critlib

Bohyun Kim
@bohyunkim

A5 Getting enough interest and foot traffic would be the indicator of success in our case. We are opening a makerspace in a month. #critlib

Andrew Kosmowski
@BroAJK

@kellymce could makerspaces be response to schools eliminating prog's like art, shop, home ec, in favor of tech-driven skills? #critlib

Kelly McElroy
@kellymce

@BroAJK It sounds like you think they are! #critlib

James Howe
@plutoHimself

@kellymce @BroAJK OH. HM. #critlib

Sveta Stoytcheva
@oksveta

A5 I think that history of xyz tech, movement workshops have a place in #critlib makerspace. Push back against 'everything is new' rhetoric

Time for #critlib pitches! Feel free to include links to about #makerspaces, diversity, pedagogy, etc.
Q6 Wow, that hour went quickly. Time for #critlib pitches! Feel free to include links to about #makerspaces, diversity, pedagogy, etc.

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Of course, don’t shy away from continuing our #critlib conversation about #makerspaces now B^)

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My #critlib pitch: you still have time to submit a proposal for the book that @pumpedlibrarian and I are editing! critlib.tumblr.com/cfp

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Also, all y’all MLIS students, please submit yr papers to the Braverman Prize: progressivelibrariansguild.org/content/award.... #critlib pitch

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Turns out my frustration re: gender disparity in other parts of #OpenEd extends to #makerspaces as well: adamheid.com/2015/03/08/wom... #critlib

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& for this interested, my attempt to turn something #edtech #makerspace-y into something #critlib / #critped: hybridpedagogy.com/journal/pedago...

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Ryan Randall
four eyed soul
My pitch would be to phrase all library use as creative reuse/"making". Cultural studies, i.e. argues for reading as co-creation #critlib

Andrew Ward
awlibrarian
@foureyed soul Right! Engaging w/ text is creation! Walter Benjamin etc. #critlib

Andrew Kosmowski
@BroAJK
@foureyed soul reading is co-creation since it is decoding #critlib

James Howe
pluto Himself
@awlibrarian @foureyed soul we already live in "remix" culture, yeah? Also spirit of #DH philosophy. Def encourg this value of "play" #critlib

Sveta Stoytcheva
oksveta
.oksveta @awlibrarian @foureyed soul I am generally all for this, but also sometimes remixing intersects w/appropriation, etc #critlib

James Howe
pluto Himself
@oksveta @awlibrarian @foureyed soul absolutely. just reading about copyright violation (formal appropriation) in libr* 3D printing #critlib
James Howe
@oksveta
informal is even harder to educate on b/c passive, often unintentional, "but I'm not -ist" #critlib

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Ian Beilin
@ibeilin
Also, from a #critlib perspective, academic essays are often more reproduction (of hegemonic knowledge) than 'making' new kwlg

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Wrapping up a productive chat

Kelly McElroy
@kellyme
Many thanks to @foureyedsoul for facilitating tonight's #critlib -- I learned *a lot*!

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Dave Ellenwood
@PeaBriddy
@kellyme @foureyedsoul Agreed! Thanks for facilitating this enlightening conversation #critlib

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Sveta Stoytcheva
@oksveta
Thanks, @foureyedsoul & everyone for a really great #critlib! :)

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Lisa Lepore
@lsaflep
Thank you @foureyedsoul for a great job & all you #critlib people. Read on.

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James Howe

For right now #makerspace is something we all live with. Let’s make them meaningful. #critlib

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Ryan Randall

Sasly, she had to duck out of tonight’s #critlib, but I believe @collingsruth has worked with software-carpentry.org Might be a good model?

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Ryan Randall

They teach Unix / free software & their docs are all online. Although could be more #critlib, they focus on humans over tech @collingsruth

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James Howe

Thank you thank you thank you @foureyedsoul! #critlib

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Andrew Ward

Thanks @foureyedsoul! Great #critlib y’all. Peace and good night.

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Bohyun Kim

Thanks #critlib! Finally I got to participate and it was awesome :)

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Sarah Hackney

I missed out on #critlib tonight, but just wanna pop in to say: there are more modes of being than just either "making" or "consuming"

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Sarah Hackney
@fiidget

.@TripleThreatLib ...but esp as librarians, we shouldn't think of only those 2 things. Ppl are more complex than make vs consume. #critlib

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Heather Iveson
@TripleThreatLib

Another thought on makerspaces. Could foster inter-generational exchange, help see the people not the age, build stronger community #critlib

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Sarah Hackney
@fiidget

.@TripleThreatLib I agree! They can be great creative spaces but I'm skeptical of "maker culture" that takes us vs them attitude #critlib

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Ryan Randall
foureyes@foureyesoul

.@TripleThreatLib @fiidget If you haven't seen it yet, you might really enjoy the theatlantic.com/technology/arc... article's insights #critlib ...

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Ryan Randall
foureyes@foureyesoul

.@TripleThreatLib @fiidget And beyond makerspaces, I don't think there's a good reason for "us vs them" attitude in libr* at all #critlib

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Ian Beilin
@ibeilin

@foureyesoul By the way, thanks for your reading list for tonight's #critlib.

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FYI - The reading list is here, under the questions for the chat: tinyurl.com/critlibx

Fin.