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### **Sensory Friendly Makery Hours Begin in January**

*ELMHURST, IL* — Beginning January 3, The Makery at Elmhurst Public Library introduces new Sensory Friendly Hours each Thursday between 4-6 p.m. This initiative is an effort to reduce barriers between individuals and their creativity.

The Makery, a makerspace located in the Library's basement, is a place that typically hums with the sounds of creativity and collaborating, which is reflected in its mission statement: "The Makery provides a hands-on creative space for patrons to invent, collaborate, and design as they transform their ideas into reality."

For those who may have difficulty focusing amid the typical noises and distractions, or find the hustle and bustle of the machinery overstimulating, the Makery provides these quiet hours each week when noisier machines, such as the Laser Cutter and 3D printers, are turned off.

The more muted machines, such as the Ellison Die Cutter, embroidery machine, sewing machines, sticker maker, magnet maker, button machines, AccuQuilt, laminator, Cricut, and Silhouette are still available during Sensory Friendly Hours.

Noise canceling headphones are also available for use in the Makery at all times.

For more information about the Makery, visit [elmlib.org/makery](http://elmlib.org/makery).

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*connect, create, and explore. EPL provides the support, resources, and environment for Elmhurst patrons to: pursue a love of reading; access information; explore interests; engage with technology; connect with others; and create and innovate. Elmhurst Public Library is the place for discovery at the heart of the community.*