

WHAT IS THE INNOVATION STUDIO?



A physical space where all ages have access to EMERGING TECHNOLOGY & advanced software

A MAKERSPACE—shared work area where people create things collaboratively

A CLASSROOM with touchscreen technology, laptops & iPad Minis

Who uses the Innovation Studio?



Why did we do it?

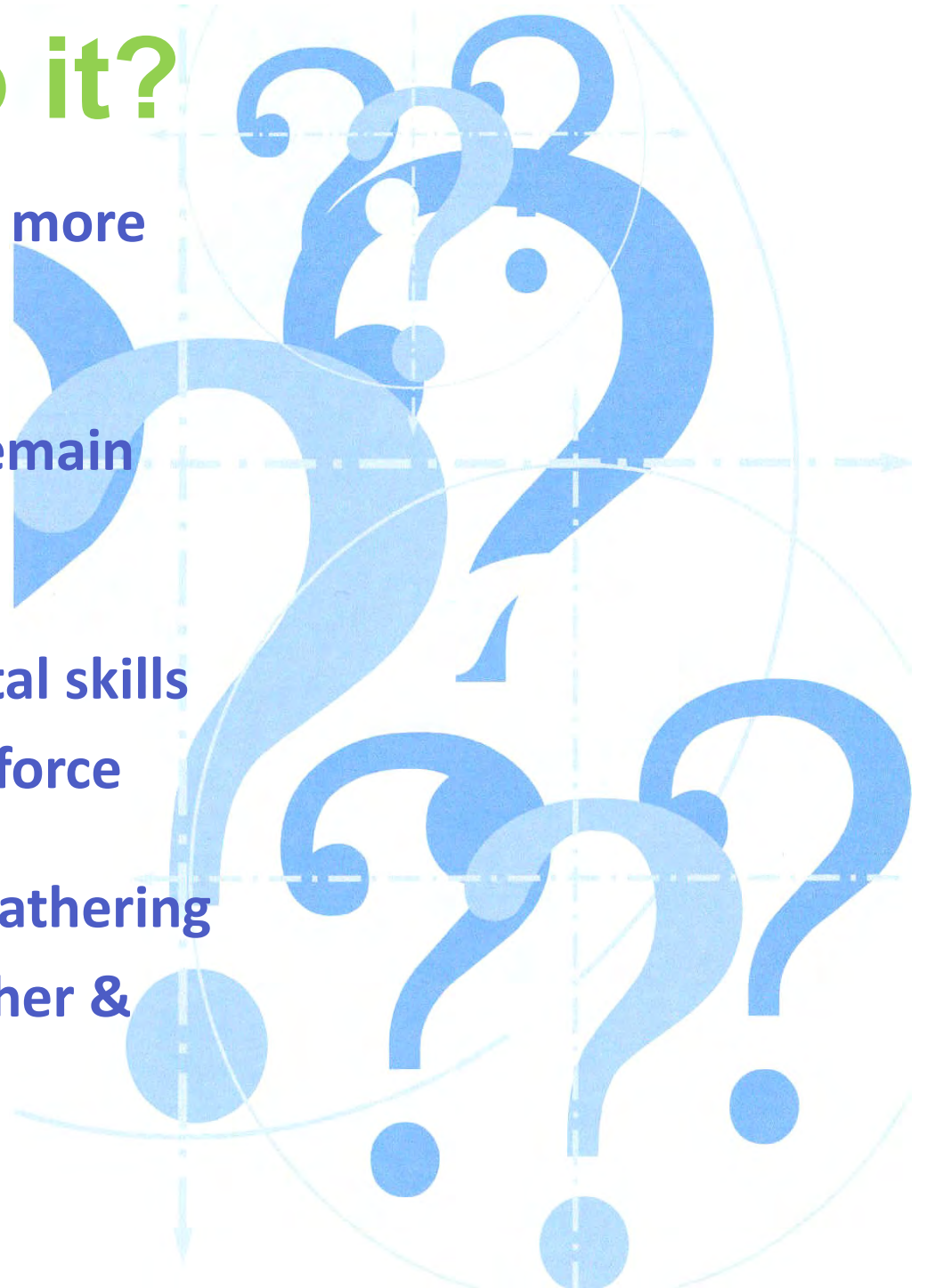
Because our community needs more innovators & we can help

Because our library needs to remain relevant in a digital age

Because our patrons need digital skills to remain relevant in the workforce

Because public libraries are a gathering place for people to learn together & this supports that mission

Because we can



How did we do it?

Library Administration said “yes” a lot

We wrote a grant:

We received \$24,892 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services IMLS Sparks! Ignition grant, allowing us to purchase a 3D printer (\$2500) & 3D scanner (\$1500), to develop the CPPL Innovation Studio App, and contract a local artist to redesign the space.

We reached out to other libraries & did our research

We embraced failure as a positive thing

We told FEAR to take a hike & never looked back

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Did we have any issues?



YOU BETCHA!

Purchasing Delays

“You want me to buy a 3D printer on STATE CONTRACT?”

Marketing

“What the heck is a makerspace? Aren’t ebooks enough change for now?”

Equipment Failures

“You want me to take apart the extruder & do what with it?”

Staffing

“We’re adding new services but you’re not giving me more staff?”