

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2019

# INNOVATION LAB NEWSLETTER



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## SHOUT OUT!



Congrats to Jackie Menne, owner of Joule Micro Nation and coordinator of free classes for entrepreneurs at George Latimer Central Library. In November, Jackie was the recipient of the Gary Mazzone Award for being "an individual who advocates for local independent business in a way which inspires others."

## CALL FOR ARTISTS

We're an Art Crawl gallery site! If you are interested in displaying work with us for Spring Art Crawl (April 26-28), please submit a letter of interest to [Kathleen.Conger@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Kathleen.Conger@ci.stpaul.mn.us) to confirm a spot. Deadline to register and be included in the Saint Paul Art Crawl directory with an image is January 31 (details at [saintpaulartcrawl.org](http://saintpaulartcrawl.org)).

## NEW YEAR, NEW PROGRAMS



2019 is a great time to tinker, create, make, invent, and just try things out! Check out some of our newest offerings:

**Crochet Circle with Richa:** Sundays (through Feb 17) 1:30-3:30 p.m. Open to all ages and skill levels. Hooks and yarn provided.

**Photo Lab with Zamira:** Tuesdays, 3:30-5 p.m. Get help with taking good pictures, photo editing, and using a DSLR camera.

**Make Alcohol-Ink Pendants with Andrea:** Friday, Jan 25, 5:30-7 p.m. Try the hot new trend in crafting- alcohol inks! Materials provided.

**Discover Your Natal Chart with Oliver the Astrologer:** Friday, Feb 22, 5:30-7p.m. Learn how to use your natal chart as a tool for perspective and mindfulness. Registration required.



## Coming in February!

Is there something your organization has dreamed about borrowing but not buying? Pop Up Saint Paul might just have the kit for you. These kits can help you engage communities and customize civic meetings.

Find kit details and reservation requirements here:  
<https://sppl.org/about-pop-up-st-paul>

Pop-Up Kits: Wayfinding/Signage, Projector, Interpreter Transmitter, Block Party Tent, Kids Activities, Portable and large PA systems.

## MEET YOUR MEMBERS: AN INTERVIEW WITH ZAIRE HURUKU AKA Z'MONEY



**Describe yourself in 1 sentence or less:** I'm a dreamer, dreaming on becoming the greatest musician that strives through many trials and tribulations to achieve beautiful wonders.

**What projects are you working on or have you recently completed:** I'm a AfroElegantLLC Rapper. My recent album is, **Born to Do It**, it's a mix of American hip-hop and Afro Urban vibe that takes listeners at hello. I use the language I inherit from back home and USA to introduce a new wavelength in music. I combine Swahili, French, Lingala, and English to stand out across the hip-hop movement. I use to make my music on a laptop, but now I record them in the library studio. I use various levels of beats on top of one another, to recapture a repetitive sound. Many of my tracks have a real life experience flairs to it. I'm very specific in the music I create... you can also hear an acoustic guitar or drum-trap type of vibe. It creates a wide spectrum rhythm that takes you somewhere warm and wanting you to feel blessed. [Edited for length.]

**What has the innovation Lab enable you to do?** The Innovation Lab has helped to bond more with my listeners and my craft including the staff that work there. It has created a way for me to grow as a positive mindset individual person.

**What is your advice for other members?** Listen to your heart, close your eyes, don't look at what's behind, don't talk, just respect people in return you'll have the world at your feet. Lastly, never envy someone else's craft because we all have different experiences and skills.

**Where can people connect or find out more about you?** Connect with me or purchase my music @zairehuruku on CDBaby, Facebook, Instagram, iTunes, Reverbnation, Soundcloud, and Youtube.



## CALENDAR

### Innovation Lab Orientation (~1hr)

>>Sat: Jan 12, Feb 9; 11:30 a.m.  
>>Mon: Jan 14, Jan 28;  
Feb 4, 25; 5:30 p.m.  
>>Wednesday, Feb 6, 10-11 a.m.

### Photo Lab with Zamira

Tuesdays, 3:30-5 p.m.

### Learn 3D Printing

Thursdays, 2-3 p.m.

### Laser Engraving with Dennis

Fridays, 1-3 p.m.

### Learn Video Editing with Khun

Saturdays, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

### Crochet Circle

Sundays thru Feb 17, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

### Pattern Reading

Monday, Jan 14, Feb 4; 4-5 p.m.

### Cultural STAR Grant

Tuesday, Jan 15, 1:30-3 p.m.

### Adult Coloring

Tuesday, Jan 15; Feb 19, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

### MicroBusiness Networking Lunch

Thursday, Jan 17, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

### Marketing Your Business via Email

Tuesday, Jan 22, 10-11:30 a.m.

### Lab After Dark

Fridays, 5:30-7 p.m.

>>Jan 25: Make Alcohol-Ink Pendants

>>Feb 22: Discover Your Natal Chart

### Make Friends with the Sewing Machine

Mondays, Jan 28, Feb 11; 4-5 p.m.

### Intro to Publisher (3-day class)

January, 29, 30, 31, 3-5 p.m.

### Advisory Board

Monday, Feb 4, 5:30-7 p.m.

### MicroBusiness Round Table

Tuesday, Feb 12, 10-11:30 a.m.

### Take a Tour of the Dark Web

Tuesday, Feb 26, 10-11:30 a.m.

To register visit [sppl.org](http://sppl.org) or call 651-266-7081. For questions, email us at: [spplwincenter@gmail.com](mailto:spplwincenter@gmail.com).

### Library will be CLOSED:

January 21 (MLK Jr. Day)

February 18 (President's Day).

### George Latimer Central Library

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