

Patrons who are entrepreneurs, artists, hobbyists, and creators of all types access equipment and build skills at the Innovation Lab. The Lab offers training, access, and technical assistance on equipment including a recording studio, photo lab, 3D printer, laser engraver, vinyl cutter, sewing machines, digitization equipment, and more.

By The Numbers

451

Total Innovation
Lab members

1,177

Appointments
made to access the
Lab resources

942

Attendance of
Lab programs

Highlights

- Welcomed 38 Focus Beyond students—young adults with special education needs—for a tour and creative activities that was so well-received it inspired at least one student to join the Lab.
- Added sewing, knitting, and crocheting classes in response to growing demand—now led by four volunteers—driving an increase of sewing appointments and use of knitting supplies.



Spotlight

"I would like people to know that it's very easy to use the Innovation Lab and to set up an appointment. The advice I would give for other people looking to digitize any of their materials is that you can do it, you don't need to be a rocket scientist. There are plenty of people at the Saint Paul Public Library who are eager to help and it's free and fun, so please, please come to the Innovation Lab."

- Kayla Jackson, head archivist at Hallie Q. Brown Community Center. Kayla has been using the Innovation Lab to digitize VHS tapes of past Rondo Days Parades.

