
Big ideas, small budgets

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Starting somewhere



“The secret to getting ahead is getting started.”

— Mark Twain

“Everybody has to start somewhere.”

— Haruki Murakami

"The beginning is the most important part of the work."

— Plato



Twenty things

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the collaboratory



The story of the Collaboratory



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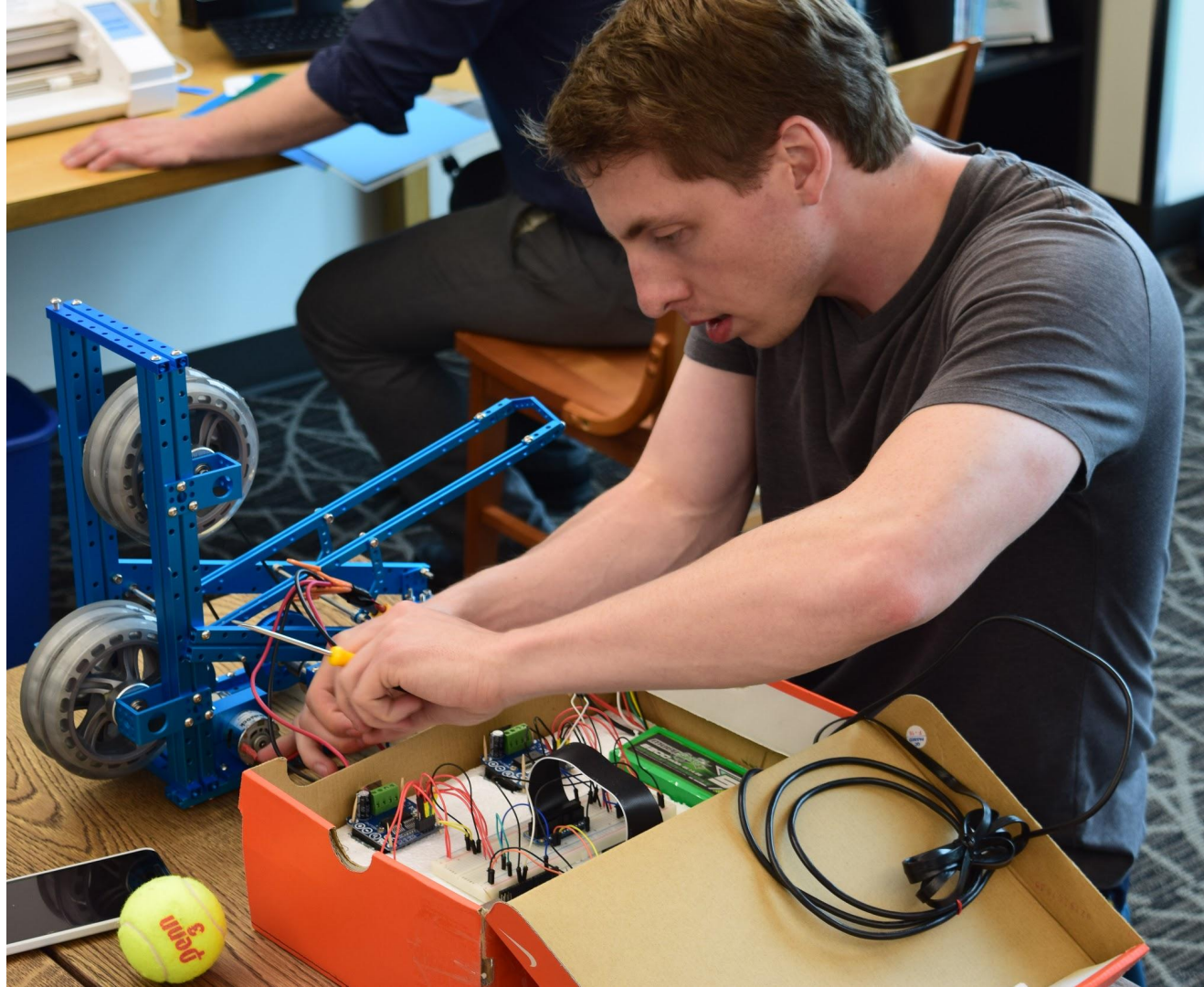


Where we started

- Experience from STEAM programming & Library of Things
- An under-used computer lab
- A generous Friends of the Library group with \$5000
- Lots of ideas!

The goals

- A space where the community can learn and MAKE!
- Available to the public as much as possible.
- Support lifelong learning.
- Provide popular & new materials & tech.



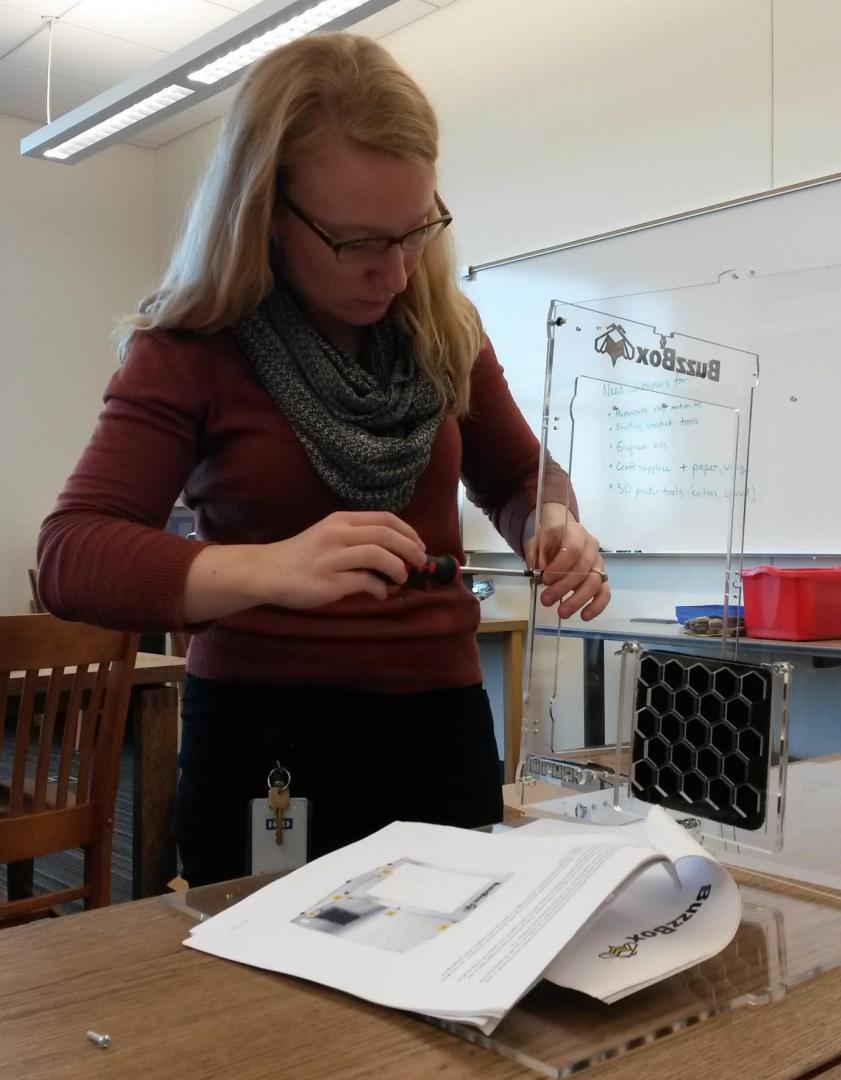
Screen Screen
Robot Group
rare matte cutter (for framing)
Tinker Toys Animation
Software
Printer
like MMD or Flash
✓ upvote

I want to
Learn to make
Movies.

open the
Door!
Printer

Rentable
drones

Arts and
Crafts



The barriers

- This is all new!
- Small budget
- Space issues
- No dedicated staff



We found the people
outside the Library



Volunteers are the right people for the job!

- Expertise
- Excitement & passion
- Breadth & depth of knowledge

Innovations come with
challenges of their
own





The work is worth it.

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fused in the adult
in·no·vate

innovate

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verb

make changes in something established,
especially by introducing new methods,
ideas, or products

in·no·va·tion

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10 ways you can innovate at your library

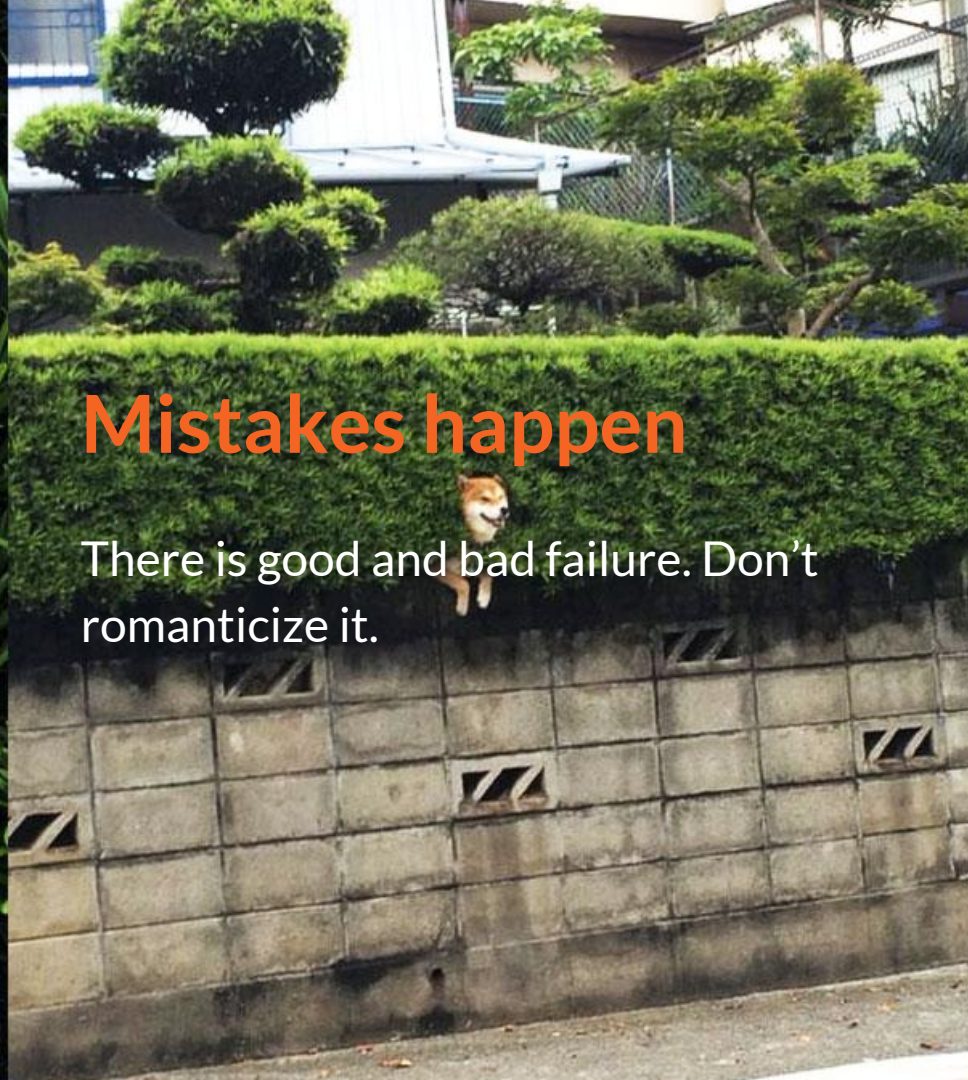
A photograph of two French Bulldogs swimming in blue water. Both dogs are wearing bright orange life jackets with black straps. The dog on the left is a fawn-colored French Bulldog, and the dog on the right is a black French Bulldog. The water is slightly rippled, and the scene is brightly lit.

Maintain psychological safety

Innovation should have your heart
pumping. Within reason.



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Mistakes happen

There is good and bad failure. Don't romanticize it.

A long-haired orange cat is sitting inside a cardboard box on a wooden floor. The cat's head is turned towards the camera, and its long, flowing tail is visible. The box is open, and the cat is looking out from inside. The text "Know your limits" is overlaid on the right side of the image in orange. Below it, in black, is the text "Laws, policies, and contracts, etc. are barriers. And can be a good thing.".

Know your limits

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Exploration vs. execution

Know the difference between
innovation and implementation.



Change is tough

Manage change intentionally. But remember that it will always be hard.



Find the root

Know what you're solving for.
Sometimes, this will involve re-framing
the problem.



Embrace creative chaos

The thinker can't always figure it out on their own. Don't count on an epiphany.

A close-up profile of a long-haired dachshund dog looking out a window. The dog has long, wavy brown and black fur. Its head is turned towards the right, looking out a window with a wooden frame. The background outside the window is blurred, showing a green lawn and a house. The lighting is warm, suggesting sunlight coming through the window.

Steal like an artist

Look outside your world for
inspiration. Who does well?



Act

Learning and progress happen when you just try something. Have a bias toward action.



Have fun

Innovation should be a good time.
Check yourself.

<http://www.adventurecats.org/indoor-adventures/indoor-adventure-cat/>

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Peter Piccolo

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Your challenge:

Design an animal that's adapted to
withstand a hurricane

The criteria

1. Can it stand up to high winds?
2. Can it keep its offspring dry?
3. How cute is it?



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Break

be back in 20 min.

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~~Problems → Solutions~~

Ideas → Plans

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Wrap-up and feedback

Questions?

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