

Plattsmouth Public Library

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A Way with Hair
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Dear Brandi,

The Plattsmouth Public Library was the first library in Nebraska to receive equipment from the Nebraska Library Commission's Library Innovation Studio project. The equipment included a laser cutter, 3-D printer, CNC router, vinyl cutter, embroidery machine, heat press, laminator, button maker, and electrical and robotic projects. Now that our 20-week trial period is over, the library has evaluated which equipment should be added as a new service.

From November to March, library staff trained 77 individuals on an average of 2 machines each, for a total of 155 training sessions. Over half of these people (43) were trained on the laser cutter, and they have used the laser cutter over 100 times after their training.

Part of the reason for the popularity of the laser cutter is its versatility. It can be used to etch on wood, glass, ceramic tiles, and coasters; it's even been used to etch on Legos and a brick. It can also cut intricate designs from paper!

Based on usage of the equipment and input from the community, the library has decided that a laser cutter would be used on a regular basis if available in the library, but additional funding is needed. We're appealing to all local business owners, people who have used the equipment, and any other interested individuals or groups to help raise the funds for a laser cutter and BOFA filter to remove any fumes. The retail cost of this equipment is approximately \$15,000.

The Library is asking for your help. The Library Foundation has earmarked \$1000 for the project, and the library has already received donations from individuals who've used the laser cutter. Any donation is appreciated, and your donation will be acknowledged on signs in the library, on the library's website and Facebook page, and in the news media. Thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Karen E. Mier, Library Director

Yes, we would like to add to the \$1200 that has already been collected to purchase a laser cutter for the Plattsmouth Public Library.

Name _____

Company or club contact _____

Address _____

Donation amount: \$25 \$50 \$100 \$200 \$500 \$1,000 Other _____

This donation is made in memory of _____
or
in honor of _____.

Please make checks payable to the Plattsmouth Public Library and note “laser cutter” in the memo area. Mail or deliver to 401 Avenue A, Plattsmouth, NE 68048. These funds will be used to purchase a laser cutter and will not go into the city’s general funds for other purposes.

Some of the items made with the laser cutter during training and by our makers after training:

