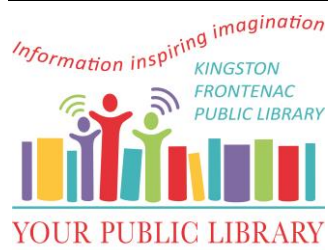


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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

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### ***Library launches “Create Space” for community***

Is your New Year’s resolution learning a new skill? Or maybe sorting through those old boxes of family photos and making copies for your kids? The Kingston Frontenac Public Library’s new creative space has the tools to get you started.

The Friends of the Library Create Space will open to the public on Monday, January 13, and will be available Monday to Saturday during the regular hours of the Central Branch.

The space includes two computers — a Mac and a PC — that are dedicated to photo and video editing. Epson Fast Foto scanners on both computers will digitize an entire photo album of images in minutes, and the Elgato Video Capture device on the PC makes it easy to transfer family movies from VHS and DVD into MP4 format. Both computers are available for four-hour bookings. A Janome sewing machine and a Cricut maker can also be booked, while two button-makers are available on a first-come, first-served basis, along with two guitar pick punches and a chest of simple hand tools.

A wider range of equipment is available for use during the library’s weekly Art Hive programs, including a Prusa 3D printer. A Janome embroidery machine and a Glowforge laser cutter will be coming later in 2020.

“We started introducing the equipment during our Art Hive programs in the fall,” said Kimberly Sutherland Mills, Manager of Programming and Outreach. “One patron used the Cricut to create stencils to etch holiday scenes onto wine glasses, and another used it to make vinyl decals for his pickup truck window. Our sewing machine was used to create a Halloween costume. We just added the video and photo digitizers, and there has been a lot of buzz around those.”

Any adult with a KFPL card can book the equipment through the library’s website. Children are welcome to accompany adults into the space and may use some of the equipment with direct supervision.

Would-be makers should note that the Friends of the Library Create Space is not staffed — you'll need to get started and troubleshoot your projects on your own. The library offers weekly Art Hive programs where you can learn how the equipment works before you book it for independent use, and there are plans to offer occasional workshops that will delve into creative skills more deeply.

All of the equipment in the space was funded through a generous donation from the *Friends of the Kingston Frontenac Public Library*.

For more information, visit [www.kfpl.ca/library-services/friends-of-the-library-create-space](http://www.kfpl.ca/library-services/friends-of-the-library-create-space).

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