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Hands-on learning at KFPL: *Make It Happen* workshops launch

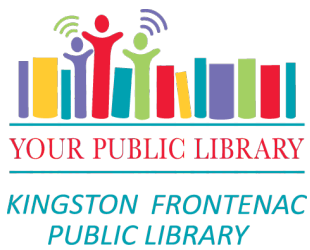
This summer, Kingston Frontenac Public Library (KFPL) invites community members aged 14 and up to discover their inner maker with the launch of the *Make It Happen* maker series.

This hands-on series, held in the Gather/Create Space at the Central Branch on select Tuesdays at 6 p.m., offers participants a unique opportunity to learn practical skills from local experts in a supportive environment. Each session, from 3D printing to woodworking, is designed to empower attendees with new knowledge and abilities.

The series offers a diverse lineup of engaging workshops throughout July and August:

- **July 9:** Makers Making Change (MMC), a program of the Neil Squire Society, will lead this session. Participants will assemble affordable writing aids designed to benefit Canadians with disabilities.
- **July 16:** SparQ Studios will introduce participants to 3D printing technology, how it works and how to use 3D software to create and print objects.
- **July 23:** Professional photographer Garrett Elliott will share tips and techniques for capturing memorable family and vacation photos, whether using a point-and-shoot camera, DSLR or smartphone.
- **July 30:** Local bike repair expert Graeme Healey will teach basic bicycle maintenance skills, providing participants with practical knowledge to keep their bikes in top shape. Participants should not bring their bikes for the workshop but will get take-home tools.
- **August 6:** Outdoor educator and Repair It! volunteer Walt Sepic will demonstrate basic woodworking repair techniques, showing participants how to tackle simple fixes for their wooden furniture and items.
- **August 13:** Kanyen'kehá educator and artist Liv Rondeau will share cultural insights and teach basic beading techniques.

Liz Coates, Manager of Programming and Outreach at KFPL, highlighted the program's broader impact: "*Make It Happen* embodies our commitment to creating inclusive spaces where community members can learn from each other, build new skills and connect. Each session will give participants practical skills and foster a sense of empowerment and community spirit."



[Registration for each event](#) opens three weeks before the program date and can be accessed at calendar.kfpl.ca. Space is limited to ensure personalized support, so interested individuals are encouraged to sign up early or join the waitlist if sessions reach capacity.

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