

Purpose & Policies

The Hyde Park Library Collaboratory is a publicly accessible media lab containing a sizeable collection of digital content production equipment. The purpose of the Collaboratory is to enrich Hyde Park Library patrons' understanding of and ability to use a variety of media formats and associated equipment.

With an emphasis on digital media and the maker movement, patrons can engage in projects across a variety of core content areas including graphic design, photography, video, music, 2D/3D design, STEM, robotics and hands-on making. The Collaboratory connects patrons (with a focus on teens) with media, equipment and instruction in a space designed to inspire collaboration and creativity.

Room Use: Access to the Collaboratory, which is located in the basement of the Main Building is strictly limited to staff-supervised visits until a user is cleared by staff to be in the Collaboratory alone. Users should be aware that all activity that happens in the Collaboratory takes place under the surveillance of a security camera.

Equipment Use: Collaboratory equipment may only be used under supervision in the Collaboratory with certain exceptions. Patrons who demonstrate proficiency with and proper care of specific equipment may be cleared by the Library Director to use it without supervision. Due to cost, safety, or other factors, certain equipment will always require staff supervision. Patrons using Collaboratory equipment will respect and obey all pertinent laws, copyrights, and trademark rules in accordance with New York State law.