

The SPARK Maker-in-Residence

The Milton Public Library's makerspace, The SPARK, is seeking artists, makers, designers, and hobbyists of all types to apply for our summer Maker-in-Residence position. This residency is open to individuals age 16 and older. The goal of this residency is to nurture learning and creativity while providing an opportunity for artists to increase their presence in the community.

The SPARK is a space for all ages to develop ideas, be creative, and learn within the Milton Public Library. The main focus of The SPARK is STEAM-related, meaning explorations in science, technology, engineering, art, and math. The room is always open to the public whenever planned events are not scheduled.

The SPARK Maker-in-Residence is a volunteer program sponsored by the Friends of the Milton Public Library. The selected Maker in Residence will receive a supply reimbursement for up to \$100. This stipend is only for projects completed for the residency.

The Maker in Residence will:

1. Hold regular in-studio hours in The SPARK during library hours (at least 6 hours total) sometime during the months of June, July, or August of 2026. The Maker will work with the library to schedule these hours.
2. Teach at least one 1-hour public workshop in The SPARK for any or all age groups.
3. Work with library staff to ensure materials used are safe and workshop is age appropriate.

The Milton Public Library will:

1. Exhibit the Maker's work on the library's Gallery Wall and/or display cases, if Maker desires.
2. Advertise the residency and workshop through newsletters, flyers, and social media posts.
3. Work with the Maker to schedule The SPARK for the Maker's studio time and workshop.

Application deadline is April 27, 2026.

Required Application Materials:

1. Completed Application Form (on page 2)
2. 3 – 5 images of your work (JPEG or PNG files)

Please e-mail all required materials to mpl@miltonpubliclibrary.org.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out at 608-868-7462.

Thank you! We look forward to reviewing your application.

Maker-In-Residence Application Form

Applicant's Full Name (as it should be published): _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Please tell us why you'd be perfect for this residency by answering the following questions.

What skills or knowledge do you have to share? _____

How would you use this residency? _____

What kind of project would you create during in-studio hours? What tools or supplies will you need to complete this project? _____

What kind of public workshop would you lead? _____

Are you comfortable working with others? What age group could you work with or teach? _____

The Milton Public Library is open Monday & Tuesday: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m., Wednesday – Thursday: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., Friday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Saturday: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. and Sunday: 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Please tell us your availability. What days/times would you like to be in the SPARK or teach your workshop?

If not selected for the 2026 Maker-In-Residence program, would you be interested in future opportunities?

_____ Yes _____ No

By filling out this application, I, as the Maker-in-Residence, accept and agree to the terms laid out and promise to fulfill my obligation to The SPARK makerspace and the Milton Public Library.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If under 18, Guardian's Print Name: _____

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