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San José's First & Only Maker[Space]Ship Ready for Take-Off

San José Public Library prepares to launch a state-of-the-art, 39-foot mobile tech lab

San José, Calif., December 6, 2016 – San José will soon have a massive, eco-friendly, custom-built bus traveling through its neighborhoods and offering *free* STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) based programs to everyone. The [Maker\[Space\]Ship](#) is equipped with state-of-the-art maker technology.

San José Public Library's (SJPL) "Mission Control" team has worked hard for the past two years to bring the community a fun and interactive vehicle that delivers out-of-this-world programming for explorers of all ages, at no cost. The public will have access to tools such as: 3D printer, laser cutter, CNC machine, vinyl cutters, sewing machines, telescopes, video cameras, microscopes, and more!

The Maker[Space]Ship was designed and built to foster creative ideas, connect people with technology and encourage problem-solving, collaboration, and discovery. On board this innovative mobile workshop, people will have the chance to solve exciting engineering challenges, bring robots to life, compose artistic masterpieces, and explore microscopic worlds.

"The Maker[Space]Ship will make it possible to bring a 21st Century Library learning experience out to the neighborhoods of San José," says City Librarian Jill Bourne. She adds, "I am very proud of staff's dedication to removing barriers to access and connecting our communities to high quality educational opportunities."

The San José Public Library will host a **grand opening event for the Maker[Space]Ship on Saturday, December 10** from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Educational Park Branch Library located at 1772 Educational Park Dr. San José, 95133. Everyone will have the opportunity to board, tour, and explore this one-of-a-kind lab.

The Maker[Space]Ship will operate 15-hours per week at public and private sites. SJPL invites community members and organizations to submit a [location proposal form](#) and/or a [program proposal form](#). For more details, please visit: sjpl.org/makerspaceship

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