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Erie County Public Library adds maker kits to virtual programming

Erie, PA – Erie County Public Library today announced the addition of take-home maker kits to its Idea Lab programming. Kits provide an opportunity for patrons to create and make, independent of the patron's ability to visit the Idea Lab in person. They extend the Idea Lab experience to library users anywhere, at any time.

Patrons will request and pick up kits in the same fashion as other library materials: They can place a request through Erie County Public Library's online catalog or contact their nearest library branch for reservation assistance. Kits are a permanent addition to the library's collection and will continue even once the library resumes in-person service.

The first batch of maker kits includes a jewelry making kit, a printmaking kit and a knife sharpening kit. Each kit includes paper instructions and an online resource at <https://eriecounty-pa.libguides.com/maker-kits>. The printmaking kit includes all needed materials. The jewelry making and knife sharpening kits include tools to complete the project; patrons will supply their own materials. Each kit can be checked out for three weeks with a limit of one kit per library card. Kits are designed for ages 15 and up; younger aged children may complete with adult supervision.

"The kits are a fun way to reach patrons who are at home and missing the creative atmosphere and equipment of our Idea Lab," says Patrick Moran, library assistant to the Idea Lab. "We think they can be used by all patrons, whether working solo or as a team. Educators looking to spice up their curriculum can easily adapt our take-home kits to work in a classroom setting."

Kits will be available in the library's online catalog beginning Thursday, Feb. 18. Patrons can find the available kits in the online library [catalog](#), or may reserve a kit by phone at 814-451-6927.

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