



Boyden Library's Tinker Tank Makerspace Policy

Makerspaces are dynamic community spaces where creativity, innovation, and collaboration thrive. Open to all ages, Boyden Library's Tinker Tank provides a place to explore new technologies, experiment with tools – both high-tech and low-tech—and turn ideas into reality.

Tinker Tank Hours and Use:

Boyden Library's Tinker Tank invites the community to connect, discover, and create together in an environment that sparks curiosity and inspires hands-on learning.

It operates as a shared space and is open to the public during designated Open Hours, which are scheduled and regularly updated on the Library's website (<https://boydenlibrary.org/>). Please note that the hours may vary based on staffing, programming, or maintenance needs, so we encourage patrons to check the website for the most current schedule.

Becoming a Tinkerer:

1. All Tinkerers must sign a liability waiver at their first visit. All waivers will be good for the calendar year in which they are signed. By signing, you are agreeing to adhere to the rules of the Tinker Tank and are responsible for any damage.
 - a. First time adult patrons must sign the liability waiver.
 - b. Minor patrons must have a parent or guardian with them to sign the same waiver.
 - c. Patrons under twelve (12) years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times unless the child is attending a structured library program in the Tinker Tank that has been designated as a drop off program.

Guidelines for Use:

1. All Tinkerers must check in with the staff member or volunteer on duty when they arrive to use the Tinker Tank to confirm that a valid, signed waiver is on file.

2. Behavior in the Tinker Tank must be consistent with the Library's [Code of Conduct policy](#) and all Tinkerers must be respectful of shared equipment, staff, and other users.
3. Tinkerers will seek assistance when necessary, and report any accident/incident that occurs in the Tinker Tank to a library staff member.
4. Food and drink are prohibited while using the Tinker Tank space.
5. Tools and equipment are available to patrons on a first come, first served basis. If others are waiting to use equipment, please limit your time to 60 minutes. There is no guarantee of use of the equipment or space.
6. Equipment in the Tinker Tank may be used only for personal and lawful purposes. The public will not be permitted to use equipment in the Tinker Tank to create materials that are:
 - a. Prohibited by local, state, or federal law.
 - b. Unsafe, harmful, dangerous, or poses an immediate threat to the wellbeing of others.
 - c. In violation of another's intellectual property rights. For example, the printers will not be used to reproduce material that is subject to copyright, patent, or trademark protection.
7. Materials are available while supplies last. Tinkerers are welcome to bring in their own supplies to work in conjunction with equipment available in the Tinker Tank. If the Tinkerer is unsure if an item is allowed, please contact library staff at 508-543-1245 or email eoneill@sailsinc.org.
8. Patrons must adhere to all posted guidelines for the use of tools, equipment, and space.
9. Patrons must clean their workspaces and return tools in a clean condition to their original location before leaving the premises.
10. Violation of Boyden Library policies may result in suspension or termination of privileges.

Rights and Release from Liability:

1. This policy is subject to change due to the nature of this new service and equipment. It will be evaluated by the Board of Library Trustees at their monthly meetings as necessary.
2. Boyden Library does not accept responsibility if a project is destroyed, does not print correctly, or does not function as expected.
3. Boyden Library reserves the right to halt, delete, or disallow the creation of items.

4. Boyden Library is not responsible for any manufacturing defects or the quality of workmanship of any tools, materials, or equipment supplied by the patron or Boyden Library or for the quality or condition of a patron's project.
5. Boyden Library is not responsible for any damage to, or loss or theft of, a patron's property. Projects and materials left unattended may be discarded.
6. For the safety of participants, Boyden Library reserves the right to place age limits for participation in programs dependent on the content, materials, or tools being used for that program.
7. Boyden Library reserves the right to end the use of equipment if deemed necessary.
8. Failure to comply with the Library's policies may result in loss of access to the space and/or library privileges.

Approved by the Boyden Library Board of Trustees, 5/13/25

Boyden Library's Tinker Tank Liability Waiver:

In consideration of my or my child's use of any tools and equipment in the Boyden Library's Tinker Tank, I hereby voluntarily release, discharge, waive and hold harmless, on behalf of myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, the Boyden Library, and its employees, officers, agents and assigns, the Board of Library Trustees, and the Town of Foxborough and its employees, officers, agents and assigns, from any loss, damage or injury to persons or property arising from my child's use of the Tinker Tank, or the equipment therein, whether arising through the Library's negligence or imposed by law.

I agree on behalf of my child and myself to keep and maintain the Tinker Tank and equipment therein in good condition, use it in a careful and proper manner, and to comply with all manufacturer recommendations, applicable laws and regulations.

I understand that if someone listed on my waiver damages an item, I may be liable for any and all damage or replacement charges. I understand that the Library does not provide or guarantee supervision or instruction for use of the equipment. I understand and acknowledge that use of the Tinker Tank and the equipment therein may involve risk of serious injury, including permanent disability and death. I agree to refrain and/or ensure that my child refrains from using the equipment in a manner inconsistent with its intended design and purpose.

I have read the Tinker Tank Makerspace policy, as well as this Liability Waiver, and have signed it voluntarily. I understand that I am giving up substantial rights by signing it. This waiver is valid for the calendar year in which it is signed. I have read this entire document, and my signature below indicates my agreement with the above statements.

Signature: _____

Printed name: _____ Date: _____ Phone #: _____

If applicable, please list all minors in the same household that are included in this waiver:

Library employee signature: _____ Staff initials: _____