Main Library raises tech ‘IQ’ thanks to new FLEX scanner in MakerSpace

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CINCINNATI — The MakerSpace at the Downtown Main Library recently added a state-of-the-art large format scanner to its repertoire of equipment thanks to a generous donation from the LaMacchia Family Foundation to The Library Foundation. Equipment in the MakerSpace helps the creative community bring its visions to life.

The new IQ Flex scanner features a maximum sheet size of 24-by-18 inches, with the ability to scan images up to double that size thanks to its innovative stitching capability. It is also capable of creating scans with an optical resolution of 1,200 dpi. After scanning media, it’s possible to edit the image digitally using Photoshop, which is available on the Digital Creation Stations in the MakerSpace. Users can also reproduce scans onto paper or vinyl using the large format printers.

“Since the MakerSpace opened at the Downtown Main Library in 2015, we have continued to listen to feedback from the community about the types of services and equipment they would like to see us offer,” said TechCenter/MakerSpace Team Leader Nate Pelley. “Large-format scanning capability has always been one of the top requests, and starting this fall we are excited to offer our patrons that ability.”

The IQ Flex scanner is ideal for artists, graphic designers, architects, photographers, archivists and anyone with a special project since it’s capable of transforming fragile originals or large scale works that won’t fit onto a traditional scanner. It can be used for photo collages, digital scrapbooks, and map and blueprint preservations.

MakerSpace staff is available to help users with set-up and questions during their appointment. To set up an appointment for any of the equipment, go to CincinnatiLibrary.org/Makerspace.

Besty LaMacchia has served as a Trustee of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County since 1998. She has also served on the board of directors for the Friends of the Public Library and has chaired numerous fundraisers.

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