## 21st Century Instructional Initiative Grant Recipients 2016-2017

## MakerSpaces in the Library Media Center

Timonium Elementary School

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## **STEM Focus**

The concept of MakerSpaces is about supporting students in the acquisition of 21<sup>st</sup> century skills. Makerspaces are designed to teach creativity, collaboration, problem solving and perseverance. It's about moving students from being solely consumers toward being creators. It's about "turning knowledge into action." It should enable students to experiment, feel free to fail, and have the opportunity to progress. All of these attributes support Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics goals.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Graders used Bernie Zubrowski's book "Bubbles"
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders researched and taught peers about simple machines
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders learned to create a circuit using MakeyMakeys
- 4<sup>th</sup> Graders constructed a Quiz Board to teach about authors they chose
- 5<sup>th</sup> Graders learned about robots and programming with Ozobots





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