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## **NoM Libraries Working Group Ask Me Anything (AMA) - 5/12/20:**

Link to A/V recording of this meeting:

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### **Suggested content for project or working group:**

See [mcp-19](#), [mcp-20](#), or [mcp-20](#) for some ideas.

### **Online Calendars so we can share/attend each others programs:**

Saint Paul Public Library:

[https://sppl.bibliocommons.com/events/search/fq=is\\_virtual:\(true\)](https://sppl.bibliocommons.com/events/search/fq=is_virtual:(true))

### **Youtube Channels on Making for Libraries:**

- [www.youtube.com/watch?v=KHYtkOLcS8s&list=PL0o9B3agxhzo82TGTsF1U1Jn4nu9DvOUh](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KHYtkOLcS8s&list=PL0o9B3agxhzo82TGTsF1U1Jn4nu9DvOUh)
- [https://www.mymanatee.org/departments/manatee\\_county\\_public\\_library\\_system/enjoy\\_from\\_home/\\_arts\\_crafts\\_videos?fbclid=IwAR3G9xwM\\_K2GYDDA8W50ZllgUeeaYbTD7VB7TVk\\_-tgpmBHM86eAcyCqkI8](https://www.mymanatee.org/departments/manatee_county_public_library_system/enjoy_from_home/_arts_crafts_videos?fbclid=IwAR3G9xwM_K2GYDDA8W50ZllgUeeaYbTD7VB7TVk_-tgpmBHM86eAcyCqkI8)

- <https://www.compas.org/compas-home-studio> (a community partner)

### **Reopening - what will it look like at your institution/makerspace?**

- Increased access to hotspots and laptops (currently sometimes 100s of people on wait lists)
- Thermometers at entrance
- Make and takes - potentially transported out into communities, similar to bookmobile, etc.

### **Resources you'd like to see Nation of Makers pull together:**

- Best practices around sanitation/reopening
  - Sanitation of VR headsets
 

(I consulted my friend and eye doctor here in Ohio. She said, "If you can get a uv-c lamp or wand that would be best so no chemicals. Otherwise just use alcohol wipes." - Cara Kouse)

(I asked XR libraries if they were prepping anything and sent me a few UVC possibilities: [Cleanbox](#) which is like \$1600 to some microwave boxes around \$150-200, so I think XR libraries is selling these if you need an approved vendor/have used them before like us. They are; reach out to John @ XRlibraries--Adam St.Pierre)
  - Sensitive makerspace equipment
  - Sanitation of Make and Take kits
- Playlist of YouTube Channels/online resources on Make and Take tutorials
- How to reframe the mission of makerspaces in a time when people need to be separate. What does community look like in this new world?
  - Interactive workshops through Webex
- Webinar or video tutorial on "how to make maker videos"-lighting, camera setup, scripts, audio, etc.

### **Discussion Topic: How do we build Community in this non-hands-on world?**

### **Discussion Topic: VR**

- After a quick search I found disposable sani-masks for Oculus.  
<https://www.amazon.com/100pcs-Disposable-Sanitary-Prevent-Infections/dp/B07M7ZKVD9>
- We use these for our VR:  
<https://vrcover.com/product-category-universal-disposable/>
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### Discussion Topic: Equity

- How do we create equity given the increasing reliance on internet connectivity?
  - *“Equity is a huge concern. I think as we find ways to adapt our services to promote remote senses of community, there will be abundant gaps where we realize inadvertent exclusions. the more mindful we can be of this, the better. ultimately, this seems to go beyond what any of us will be able to solve in isolation, and we need to advocate for default universal connectivity as a public utility.”*
  - In our community in New Castle, DE, it seems that more of our patrons have smartphones than have computers. If you can make content that can be viewed -in an optimal way-on phones, this could help reach more of the population. I’m going to double check this. Once we open for computer use, we can ask patrons who are coming to the Library for computer use, if they would want to get content on their smartphones.
- I really like the idea of Little Free Libraries being repurposed and offering food and supplies for people in need. However, I notice that many of these Little Free Libraries are located in affluent areas and that unless marginalized populations have transportation, they won’t be able to benefit from them.
  - We could build more
- Mobile hotspots that can be circulated