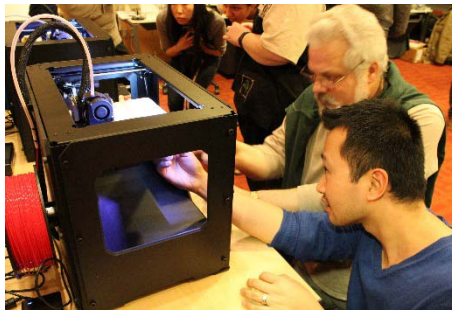

digital innovation hubs

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Background

Strategic Plan 2012 – 2015 Priority Area

- Catalyze and connect a city of innovators, entrepreneurs and creators; position Torontorians to succeed in a global knowledge economy

2013 Work plan – Board Approval February 25, 2013

- Goal 8 – Create Digital Innovation Hubs at Fort York and the Toronto Reference Library

Why Digital Innovation Hubs?

- Digital Divide
- Democratization of Technology
- Maker Movement

The Digital Divide

Democratization of Technology

Maker Movement

Why the Library?

- Self-directed learning
- Skills development
- Critical literacies
- Free and accessible
- Bridge the Digital Divide
- Community building & collaboration
- Collections, Programs, Services

Resource Support

- Operating and Capital budgets
- Toronto Public Library Foundation
- Existing branch staff

Service Model

- **Vision**
  - Learning, collaboration and creation of space supporting digital literacy
- **Mission**
  - Welcoming and inclusive environment for self-directed learning

Service Model

- **Key Service Areas**
  - New Emerging Digital Media Technologies
  - Programs and Workshops
  - Knowledgeable Staff and Collection
  - Evaluation and Evolution

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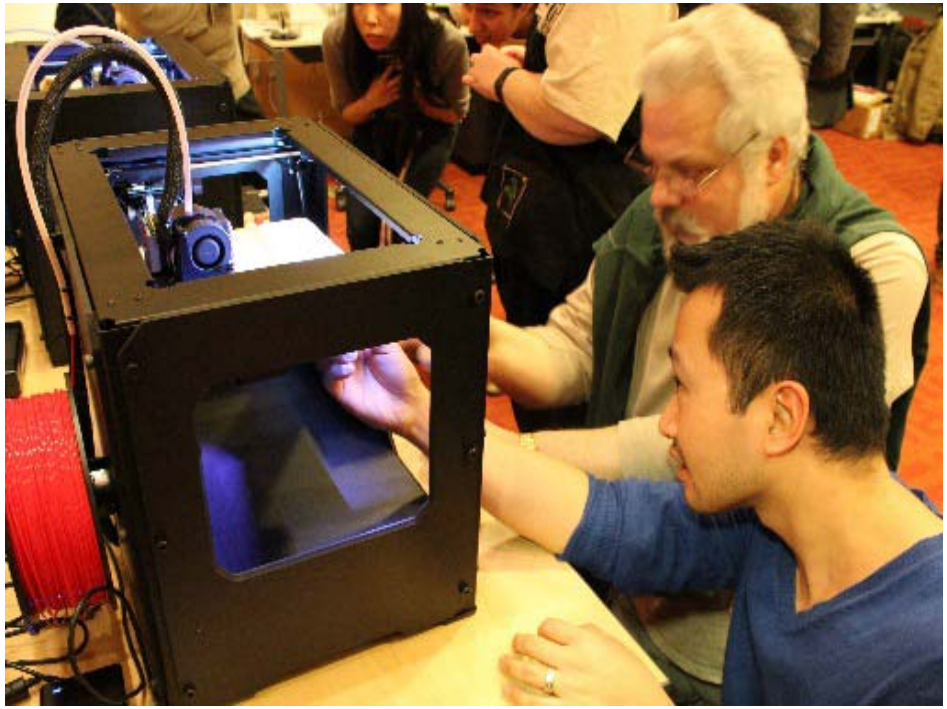
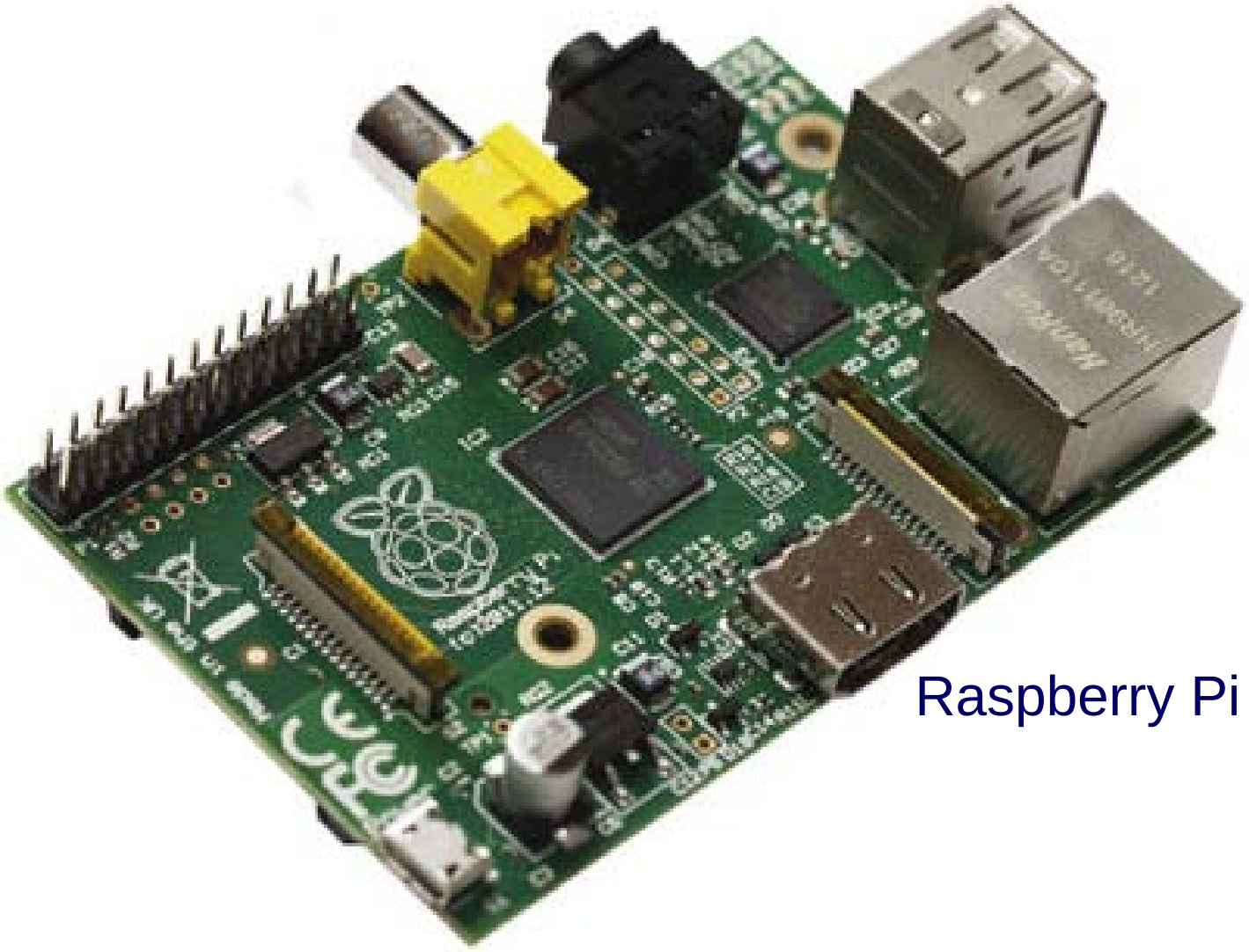
Technology & Equipment



3D Design & Printing

Technology & Equipment



Raspberry Pi

Technology & Equipment

- 5 Mac workstations
- 3 PC workstations
- 1 Driveless PC
- Tablets
- Laptops
- Scanners
- Mobile collaboration screens

Technology & Equipment

Audio Equipment and Sound Editing

Video Production

Commercial & Open Source Software

- Graphic design (e.g. Adobe CS)
- Audio Editing (e.g. Logic Pro)
- Video Editing (e.g. Final Cut Pro)
- 3D Design (e.g. OpenSCAD)
- Photo Editing (e.g. Photoshop)
- Programming (e.g. Phython)

Programs & Classes

- Speakers & Idea Panels
- User Education Classes
- Innovator-in-Residence

Program Partnerships

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