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INNOVATION LAB AT ABINGDON LIBRARY FIRST YEAR

(Belcamp, Maryland – January 27, 2016) The Innovation Lab, Harford County Public Library's digital media lab, has welcomed over 35,000 visitors since its opening in January 2015. Housed in the Abingdon Library, the Lab offers customers access to Apple iMac desktop computers, 3D printers, professional green screen, studio light box, studio-quality microphone, HD camera/camcorder, stereo headphones and flat-screen television.

Since the Lab's opening customers have been streaming in to work on projects of all kinds from printing figurines for fun, to creating replacement parts for items they own including a cartridge to fit in a customer's video game system! Local school and Scout groups have experienced the excitement of the Lab with regular visits. Recently a group of Junior Solar Sprint competitors used the Lab to learn how to build a solar car!

"The Innovation Lab continues to inform and inspire the next generation of Harford County innovation," commented Mary Hastler, CEO, Harford County Public Library.

"Customers can create and print complex and beautiful objects with the Lab's software and 3D Printers, swim with dolphins via the magic of the green screen and make their vision reality through video shooting and editing."

The Library continually offers classes and several individuals volunteer at the Lab helping others with designing, printing and working with the 3D printers.

Harford County Public Library was awarded Innovator of the Year from The Daily Record in August 2015 for the Innovation Lab.

Harford County Public Library operates eleven branches located throughout Harford County, Maryland. The Library serves over 181,000 registered borrowers of all ages and has an annual circulation of over 3.8 million. Harford County Public Library is committed to connecting people with information and promoting the love of reading within the community.

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Photo caption #1 & #2: Guests of the Innovation Lab working on iMacs.

Photo caption #3: Guest of the Innovation Lab smiles as she watches her 3D object printing out.

Photo caption #4: Guest of the Innovation Lab laughs as he poses in front of green screen.

Photo caption #5: Family edits a photo taken in front of green screen.