

Delaware Libraries receive Innovation Award for Community Group of the Year

✘ The [Delaware Division of Libraries](#) (DDL) is pleased to announce that [Delaware Libraries](#) were voted Community Group of the Year in [Technical.ly Delaware's first annual Delaware Innovation Awards](#). These awards celebrate the innovators that make Delaware great. Delaware Libraries were recognized for their expansion of 3D printing and STEM literacy to many libraries throughout the state.

Technical.ly Delaware, a statewide online technology news network, announced the award winners at the closing reception celebrating Delaware Innovation Week (Nov. 13-21).

"This is a real testament to the Division's efforts to ensure universal access to technology resources and leveraging that technology to inspire their patrons," said Secretary of State Jeffrey Bullock.

DDL has encouraged innovation statewide through the ever evolving [Inspiration Space](#) – mini-makerspaces in libraries where people can learn about and experiment with technology, entrepreneurship, and DIY activities. DDL has provided libraries with 3D printers, green screens, video cameras, software, and training for the public to use or attend. Libraries have also partnered with several organizations to present classes on computer coding, 3D modeling, and more.

"Libraries are making experiences come alive, off the page, for our communities," said Dr. Annie Norman, State Librarian. "Libraries are a linchpin for discovery in all subject areas, and we are working with partners and experts to make available a greater array of experiences for our communities. So Delawareans have the opportunity they might not have otherwise

to discover a passion, to develop an expertise, and to make connections to support invention and innovation.”

Emerging Technologies Librarian Sarena Fletcher said, “We’re thrilled to be recognized as a leading contributor to Delaware’s innovative growth. We provide Delawareans opportunities to explore emerging technologies while working together to create a thriving community.”

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