

## **Frameworks and tools for thinking about learning connected with Makers, Making, and Makerspaces**

### **1. uTEC Maker Model<sup>1</sup> – identifies developmental stages of learners**

*What developmental stages do makers go through?* using, Tinkering, Experimenting, Creating

*What dispositions do learners develop as they ‘make’?* Dispositions connected with strategies, actions and roles

### **2. Gutwill et al.<sup>2</sup> – Learning Dimension and Facilitation Frameworks**

*What does learning-through-tinkering look like?* four dimensions: engagement, initiative and intentionality, social scaffolding, and development of understanding

*How can adults facilitate learning-through-tinkering?* three ‘facilitation moves’ or ways of intervening: spark initial interest and participation, sustain participation, and deepen understanding and commitment

### **3. Wardrip and Brahms<sup>3</sup> – tool for conversations about designing maker experiences**

- to support discussions about
  - 1) design of programs or spaces,
  - 2) reflection and professional development,
  - 3) evaluation of maker programs and spaces
- Framework focuses on 3 elements: purpose, people, pieces & parts

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<sup>1</sup> Loertscher D, Preddy L, and Derry B (2013) Makerspaces in the School Library Learning Commons and the uTEC Maker Model. *Teacher Librarian*. 41, 2: 48-51.

<sup>2</sup> Gutwill J, Hido N, and Sindorf L (2015) Research to Practice: Observing Learning in Tinkering Activities. *Curator: The Museum Journal*. 58(2): 151-168.

<sup>3</sup> Wardrip P and Brahms L (2015) Making+Learning.  
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