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Cutlines: Robot displays, like this one with C3PO, Arduino technologically controlled fire cannons PLUS the Maker Faire flier

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LIBRARY'S FREE MINI MAKER FAIRE TO FEATURE ARDUINO, FIRE CANNONS, 3D PRINTING, CRAFTS, WOODWORKING & MORE SEPT. 26

Come join us for the East Baton Rouge Parish Library's FREE Mini Maker Faire 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, September 26 at the Main Library at Goodwood. That's where there will be all types of "makers" displaying what they "make" or encouraging hands-on participation.

Booths will range from Arduino projects, Raspberry Pi and Arduino-controlled fire cannons to crafts, sewing, art, woodworking -- and much more! The event is part science fair, part craft show and part SOMETHING NEW ENTIRELY! Sponsors who support this event include AmeriGas, Whole Foods, Acadian Robotics and Make:makezine.com.

The community is invited to this free family-friendly event, which engages the mind, wows the senses and brings out the inner "maker" out in everyone. There's even a chance to win a 3D printer with assistance from Acadian Robotics. For free tickets and a chance to win a 3D printer, visit MakerFaireBatonRouge.com.

Some of this year's Maker Faire estimated 75 booths also include costume making, drones, Raspberry Pi and jewelry making. So the Faire is not just about electronics and technology, but any kind of "making", including music, art, crafts, woodworking and any activity where there is a "maker".

Other booths this year include life casting arts and crafts; the Knock, Knock Children's Museum's kid-friendly science and electronic experiments, Irish Flutes and crafts, Sara's Soy Candles craft, Baton Rouge Gem & Mineral Society, Batik arts and crafts, LSU ACM Arduino electronics and technology, 3D printing, amateur radio electronics, Baton Rouge Astronomical Society science experiments, Floppy Music electronics and high-tech displays, Oculus Rift, Acadian Robotics and a Battleship game with Elevator Projects.

We even have 3D printed little Sprockets. Sprocket is the Maker Faire's little red robot mascot. You may see him at various places at the Maker Faire, so keep an eye out for Sprocket.

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More than 3,000 people attended the first- Maker Faire in 2014 and watched high- and low-tech “makers”. It was about 10 times the crowd initially expected, and the event already is shaping up to bigger and better every year! The Library expects a much larger crowd for this year’s event.

Makers last year demonstrated everything from 3D printing and robot technology to crocheting, painting and crafting. During the family friendly event, children and adults alike had their imagination captured by computer-controlled robots and fire-blasting canons, bicycles that gave you a shower of water or made ice cream as you rode them, used books that were upcycled into works of art, wood sawed and hewn into shapes and items, video games made to be a “in the game” experience through Oculus Rift, pieces of wire and bits of jewels turned into beautiful jewelry and musical instruments and sound devices wired to computers to create electronic music.

There was even a SteamPunk booth, and a display of bicycle inventions where the bikes gave you a shower or flapped da Vinci-like wings when it was ridden.

For more information, call (225) 231-3750 or visit us online at <http://www.makerfairebatonrouge.com/>, <https://www.facebook.com/BRMakerFaire>, <https://twitter.com/BRMakerFaire> or www.ebrpl.com.

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