INSPIRATION IN ACTION

Community Learning and Shared Tools

Introducing

INSPIRE & SHARE

Learn. Make. Borrow. Share.



TOWN OF BANCROFT
MINERAL CAPITAL OF CANADA

The Commonwell L.E.A.F. Initiative 2026.

How Inspire & Share Works

Inspire & Share will equip and activate the new Library makerspace at North Hastings Inspiration Place.

Town of Bancroft staff and the North Hastings Public Library staff team will work together to select the equipment, develop the programming and implement Inspire & Share.

. Equipment will remain in the makerspace for continued Library programming, supervised learning and selected shared-tool access.



Learn

- Introductory instruction
- Demonstrations
- Guided practice

Discover a practical new skill.

Make

- Mending
- Making
- Growing
- Maintaining
- Storytelling

Build confidence through guided practice.

Continue

- Library programs
- Supervised practice
- Partner-led activities

Keep learning in the makerspace.

Borrow

- Shared tools
- Practical access
- Continued learning

Access selected tools for use at home.

Share

- Community knowledge
- Intergenerational learning
- New connections

Pass skills and knowledge forward.

Five Makerspace Learning Stations

Shared equipment supporting practical, creative and digital learning



Mend & Create

Sewing, mending and textile reuse



Make, Fix & Care

Everyday tools and simple maintenance



Bicycle Skills

Basic Bicycle care and repair



Grow & Share

Seed saving, growing and garden skills



Record & Create

Digital Storytelling and memory preservation

Five flexible stations. Twenty launch programs. Lasting community use.

Twenty Programs to Launch

Practical, beginner-friendly learning for residents of all ages and experience levels.

Mend & Create

1. Sewing Machine Basics
2. Hand Sewing & Mending
3. Patching & Visible Mending
4. Buttons, Fasteners & Zipper Care
5. Textile Reuse & Creative Making

Make, Fix & Care

6. Introduction to Everyday Hand Tools
7. Safe Tool Use & Repair Assessment
8. Furniture & Hardware Care
9. Screen Repair & Simple Maintenance

Bicycle Skills

10. Bicycle Safety Checks
11. Tire & Inner-Tube Repair
12. Chain Cleaning & Routine Care

Grow & Share

13. Seed Saving
14. Seed Starting
15. Container Growing
16. Community Seed Exchange

Record & Create

17. Digitizing Family Photographs
18. Introduction to Audio Storytelling
19. Recording a Practical Skill
20. Youth & Intergenerational Storytelling

Twenty programs. Five learning stations. One lasting community resource.

Final program topics may be refined through community input, facilitator availability, equipment suitability, accessibility considerations and municipal safety review.

A Lasting Community Investment

Tools, skills and partnerships that continue beyond the grant

The Community Room programs introduce the skills. The makerspace keeps the learning going.

Shared Equipment
A lasting collection of practical, creative and digital makerspace equipment.

Continued Learning
Resources available for future Library programs, supervised practice and partner-led activities.

Accessible Participation
Adaptable tools, clear instructions and welcoming learning opportunities for different ages and abilities.

Community Partnerships
Ongoing collaboration among the Town, Library team, facilitators, schools and community organizations.

Shared-Tool Access
Selected lower-risk tools may become available through approved lending or shared-access procedures following orientation.

Local Knowledge
Residents encouraged to return as volunteers, mentors, skills coaches and future facilitators.

20 Introductory Learning Programs

5 Learning Stations

$21,500 Investment

200 Participant Visits

10 Facilitators, Mentors or Partners

Shared tools.

Lasting skills.