Be Excellent to Each Other

Making a MakerSpace a Welcoming Place for Everyone
Define Your Space

• Open
• Visible
• Accessible
• Attractive
• Inviting
Get the Kind of People You’d Like to Hang Out With

- Recruit library folks with good attitudes
- Encourage awesome regulars to volunteer
- Make Volunteering fun
- Gather a ragtag band of misfits, because that always works in the movies
Be an Awesome Place for Everyone

- Technology
- Arts & Crafts
- Do a big event!
- Classes
- Programming
- Cool Stuff Just Sitting Around
- Start a Club!
Do Stuff, Learn Stuff, Make Stuff

• Treat everyone like a teen
• Be the bartender with power tools.
• As few rules as you can get away with and not one rule less
• You can’t plan community, but you can plan for community
• Opportunity will not take the forms you expect, and that’s okay.
• Be something so different that stereotypes don’t even apply and everyone will feel welcome.
In the end, it’s not about the projects, it’s about the people.