Meet MAX LAMURA, BRPL’s Program Services tech savvy specialist behind Teen Tech Week and the Maker Spaces revolution

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Library Profile

Q: Tell us about your history working on behalf of the Boca Raton Public Library.

I started working at the library in Account Services in 2014 while completing my graduate studies at FAU, where I was initially pursuing a Computer Science degree. I got involved with technology at the library during Teen Tech Week in 2015 and the launch of the Discover Studio. I taught our first class in 3D technology, Tinkercad for 3D design. 3D printers are widely versatile, and are used around the world to develop prototypes for a multitude of products, including prosthetics in the medical industry, chocolate at the Hershey’s factory in Hershey, Pennsylvania, car chassis in the automotive industry, and houses in China.

Q: What projects are you currently working on?

For this year’s Teen Tech Week (beginning March 5, 2017), we are introducing Little Maker and Youth Maker products, Makey Makey and Circuit Scribe, that teach the basics of electricity and conduction. I saw these products demonstrated at last year’s American Library Association conference in Orlando, and at Maker Fairs, and realized they would appeal to kids and teenagers especially, combing learning and fun. Makey Makey turns physical objects (I like to use a banana in demonstrations) into buttons for a computer by creating electrical circuits, while with Circuit Scribe, you can build circuits using conductive ink pen, magnetic modules, and paper, and create sensors to act as smart devices. I am also looking into other products to introduce in future Discover Studio classes, such as Squishy Circuits, a product that explores electronics by building circuits using Playdough.

Q: What is something people might not know about you?

I’m a south Florida native, born and raised in Hollywood, Florida. I have a Bachelor’s Degree in Music Business, and a Master’s Degree in Trombone Performance from FAU. I’ve played in a jazz band, and various brass ensembles, and volunteer to teach music at afterschool brass instrument rehearsals at Cardinal Gibbons High School in Fort Lauderdale. I worked for 8 months as a marketing intern at Capital Records in Miami while at FAU, and went to the Latin Grammys.

I’m also currently pursuing a Master’s in Library Science degree online at the University of South Florida in Tampa. In my spare time, I read poetry!

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