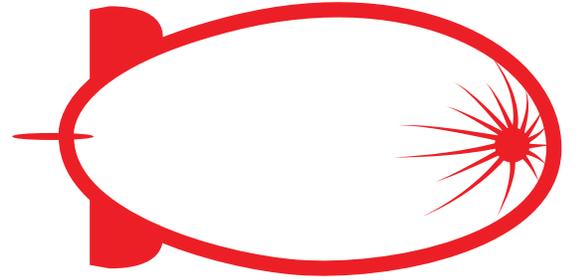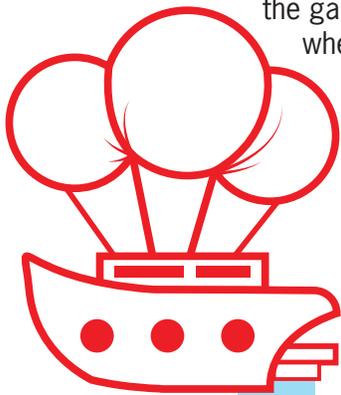# Akron Mini Maker Faire®

What is a Maker? A Maker is someone who is always learning practical skills and applying those skills to their personal situations. Makers express a strong commitment to sharing (tools, technology, expertise, etc.) and having fun. Makers come in all ages, sizes, skills and abilities. Makers are techies, crafters, artists, musicians, tinkerers, inventors, homesteaders and more. Makers restore vintage cars and hack computer programs; they brew their own beer, bake their own bread, and write their own code; they make movies, music, mayhem, and more. They weld, they knit, and they build with Legos.

What is a Maker Faire? A Maker Faire brings together the people who love to create and show what they have made with other Makers and with the people who like to experience what is new. The Akron Mini Maker Faire is a chance to create, learn, discover and play, presented by the Akron-Summit County Public Library. Exhibits run the gamut from 3D printing to spinning wheels, arduino controllers and rubber band inventions. All ages can participate in the Akron Mini Maker Faire.
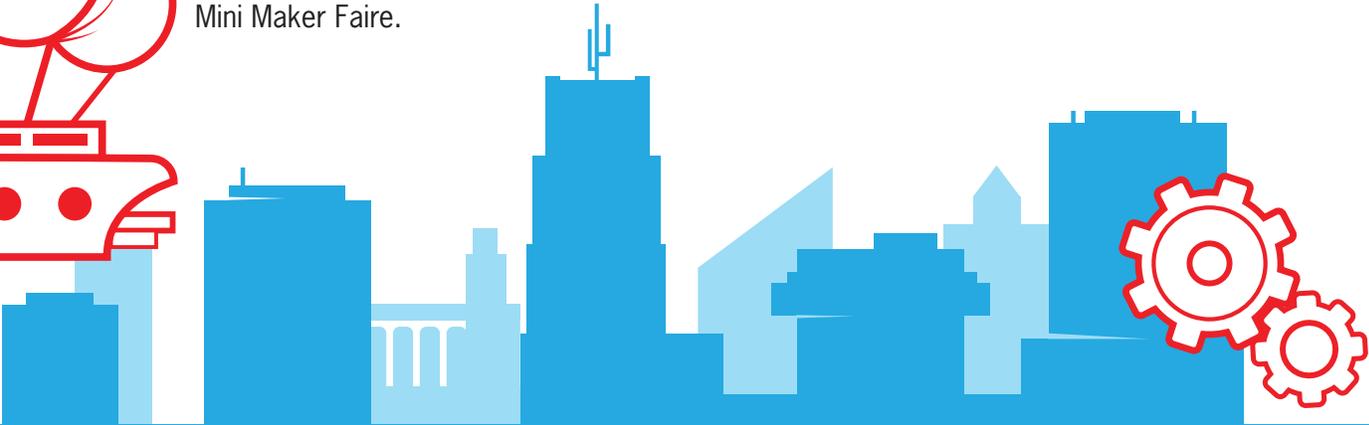
When will this happen? There are TWO ways to enjoy the Akron Mini Maker Faire, and each has its own important dates.

The Call for Makers, when Makers can apply online to be actual exhibitors, will run *July 10-August 22.* Visit makerfaireakron.com for a link to the online form during those dates.

The Akron Mini Maker Faire will be held on *Saturday, September 19, noon-4 pm.* This is when all the Makers will display all their projects for everyone who wants to attend the free Akron Mini Maker Faire.

Where does the Akron Mini Maker Faire take place? Main Library, at 60 S. High Street in downtown Akron.

How can I become a Maker? Everyone can be a Maker. The Akron-Summit County Public Library offers instructional programs, books, videos, and more to help unleash the Maker within you.

Find out more: Visit our webpage, www.makerfaireakron.com. Call or visit your nearest branch. Or contact the Science & Technology Division, 330-643-9075 or stdiv@akronlibrary.org.

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