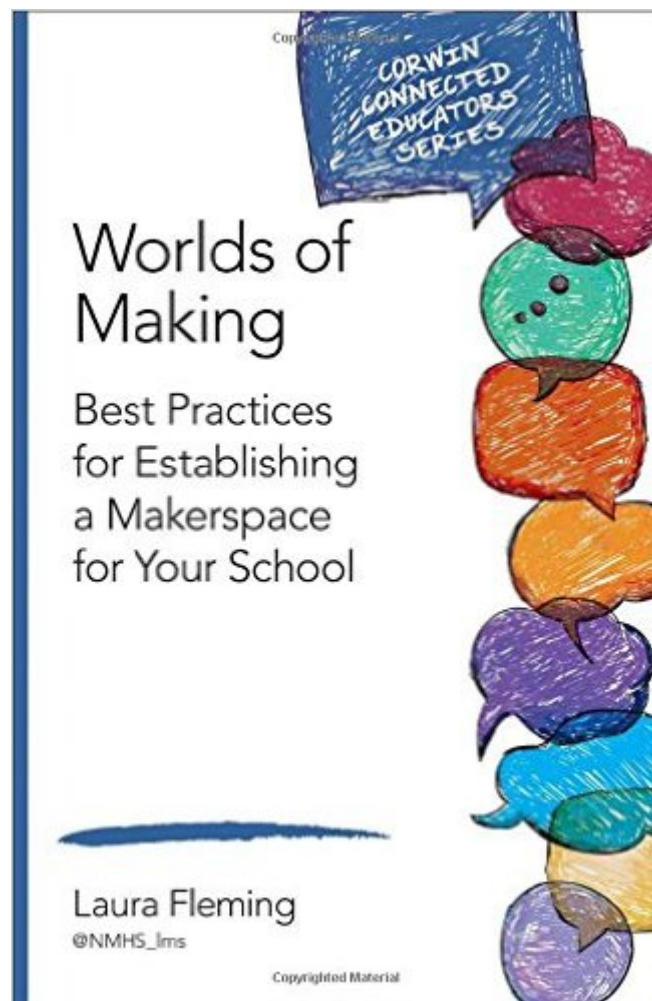


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# Worlds Of Making: Best Practices For Establishing A Makerspace For Your School (Corwin Connected Educators Series)



## Synopsis

Makerspaces: Your questions answered here! Get the nuts and bolts on imagining, planning, creating, and managing a cutting-edge Makerspace for your school community. Nationally recognized expert Laura Fleming provides all the answers in this breakthrough guide. From inception through implementation, you'll find invaluable guidance for creating a vibrant Makerspace on any budget. Practical strategies and anecdotal examples help you: Create an action plan for your own personalized Makerspace Align activities to standards Showcase student creations Use this must-have guide to painlessly build a robust, unique learning environment that puts learning back in the hands of your students!

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## Customer Reviews

I thoroughly enjoyed Laura's book on Makerspaces. I created a small Makerspace in my classroom when I was a teacher, and now that I am a STEM and Innovation coach, I am excited about growing this maker movement throughout our Elementary schools. This book is the perfect balance of academic background, research, and personal anecdotes, making it easy to read and digest in one sitting. I really appreciated the pictures and real-world examples of current Makerspaces. There are appropriate in-text citations and a great reference section for anyone interested in more deeply researching Makerspace ideology or theories of learning. I plan on carrying this book around with me and sharing it with as many teachers and librarians and administrators as I can in the upcoming

school year. If you are at all curious about the Maker movement or Makerspaces, I would buy this book. If you are interested in creating your own Makerspace, whether in a classroom or a communal space (e.g.: library, resource center, etc), I would buy this book. If you want to innovate your educational building, whether primary or secondary, BUY THIS BOOK!

If you are ready to start a maker movement in you school library, community center, church, garage or etc. Please read this book. There is so much valuable information for all those involved in making you Maker Space successful.

That Laura Fleming isn't better known as an innovator in education is about to change! Fleming's recently released "Worlds of Making" is perhaps one of the best and most refreshingly readable books that can literally transform the way we teach our students. Fleming is clearly a practiced writer with an eye for presenting new ideas in short narratives to nourish critical thinking. What makes this book sing are the revolutionary ideas that are so easy to implement. This far-sighted educator's greatest asset is she practices what she preaches and can give a first-hand account of the "Maker Movement's" classroom success. Anyone who cares about igniting the imagination of today's students needs to read this book!

Laura's work at New Milford High School was a huge inspiration for me as I created my school's library Makerspace. Her book is a fantastic look at the process she went through in creating her space. She gives a thorough, well-researched look at the relevance of the Maker Movement in education, how it ties into education standards, and how it can enhance learning. She offers plenty of practical advice on the planning process of creating a Makerspace, how to build a Maker culture in your school, and offering your students opportunities to share their work. This is an excellent book and well worth purchasing for anyone interested in Makerspaces and education trends.

A quick read on the philosophy of the Makerspace Movement in public school if you are considering creating your own Makerspace this is a must read.

More than ever before, schools are being called on to create cultures of innovation, moving from the industrial era one-size-fits-all, teacher-centric approach which remained prevalent in America's schools for over a century, to learning that is personalized, relevant, and full of rigorous and authentic opportunities for all students. Fleming's Worlds of Making provides invaluable insight

into ways in which schools can encourage students to tinker, explore, create, and design. Whether you're looking to create your first Makerspace, or looking to take learning to a deeper level, this book is a must read and an excellent tool for your future ready toolkit!- Thomas C. Murray, Director of Innovation, Future Ready Schools

Laura is a pioneer in library Makerspaces. She was kind enough to invite me to participate at her Library last year. I ran a one day bicycle repair workshop for the kids. It was great fun. Here is link to a blog post she wrote. <http://worlds-of-learning.com/2014/05/29/hangout-with-a-maker/>

As a fellow educator there are no shortages of educational books available in the market, so it takes a really fresh idea to make a book stand out from the others. I recently purchased a copy of "Worlds of Making" by Laura Fleming and it is EXACTLY the kind of book that creates a lot of buzz because of its unique approach to teaching. Infused in this book are ideas for teaching that can truly have an impact on students which will serve them well in the 21st-century. All too often as educators we shy away from new ideas or new approaches to teaching because they seem too difficult to put into our curricula, or we don't know how to get started, or we fear the dreaded budget problems! I urge you to buy a copy of this book and read it. You will immediately feel at ease - this book is a step-by-step guide to one of the most innovative teaching ideas to come along!Fleming is clearly a highly talented educator and this is one book not to be missed! Kudos to you Ms. Fleming!

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