Date: November 14, 2018
To: RCPL Board of Trustees
From: Pat Jones, Policy Committee Chair
Re: Makerspace Fabrication Policy

Date: November 7, 2018
To: Pat Jones, Policy Committee Chair
From: Sean Minkel, Assistant Director
Re: Makerspace Fabrication Policy

Motion: Approve the creation of Makerspace Fabrication Policy.

Background: Guidelines for 3D printing are currently posted to the library’s website to prevent printing of dangerous objects and to abide by copyright.

As 3D printing has continued to expand in popularity and the printing of weapons has recently been in the news, it is recommended that these guidelines be formalized by library policy. Additionally, the library plans to make other fabrication options such as laser engraving/cutting and vinyl cutting available in the near future.

The proposed policy is based on review of existing policies from several libraries, as well as the American Library Association guidelines on the topic. The proposed policy was also reviewed by the city attorney’s office.