

Bloomingslabs

BLOOMINGLABS IS BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA'S MAKERSPACE. [HTTP://BLOOMINGLABS.ORG](http://BLOOMINGLABS.ORG)

TIMELINE:

1st Meeting, July 2009 (at Max's Pizza)

1st Space, March 2010

Hosted first (and wildly successful) series of workshops, summer 2010 (including Mitch Altman teaching soldering)

2nd Space, July 2011 (moved in after appearing in the 4th of July Parade)

Hosted first Makevention (Independent Maker Conference), August 2013

3rd and current space, July 2014

Achieved 501c3 status, July 2015

4th space (TBD), 2018

MEMBER FACTS:

Currently 46 members—the most we've ever had! Bloomington is a college town, so membership tends to be cyclical, but our membership has increased even over the summer this year.

Members are diverse in terms of age, profession, background, culture, and interests.

ORGANIZATION FACTS:

Consensus model (no members 'strongly object' to a decision – this can be hard, but it has worked)

Board is President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two At-Large.

SPACE FACTS:

3,100 sq. ft. workshop, was an empty 'box', divided it into workshop, class/electronics/clean area, and a room for the laser. Materials for this were bought by members and donated by non-members, including LVL1, Louisville's Hackerspace.

Unfortunately, our lease with the City will end December 2017, so that they can build Switchyard Park. We're excited to see the park, but saddened by the loss of a great space.

We're raising money to help build out a new space!

MONEY FACTS:

Memberships are \$40/mo, \$20/mo 'hardship' or student rate.

Rent + Expenses \$1413/mo (Rent alone is \$1050)

In 2015, we had revenue of \$21,300.87

Only a few tools cost people money to use (to pay for their consumables): our laser, welding/cutting tools, and 3D printers

TOOL FACTS:

We have soldering and electronics diagnostics tools, woodworking tools, a variety of welders, a 40W laser cutter, metal and wood lathes, a mill, 3D printers, a Ham area with radio equipment, a car lift, and an assortment of powered and traditional hand tools.

FAVORITE PROJECTS:

Dosman's 'Rumble Challenge Lock Picking Game' (he was contracted to do a version for the show 'Mr. Robot' at the TriBeCa film festival).

Jenett and Rex's 'Dragon's Eggs' version of the 'lights out' game.

Jay, Kristy, and Steve built a 'laser maze' for a James Bond themed fundraiser at the local Children's Science Museum, Wonderlab

Danny Weddle (CarpenterOwl) built a Tiny House in our workshop!

The Bloomingslabs Trebuchet Team (an amazing group effort!) beat 3 more experienced teams in the 2016 Bloomington Pumpkin Launch to win the accuracy competition...and set a new accuracy record in doing so!