

INNOVATION & DIGITAL LEARNING

SEW IT CHALLENGE

In Sew It, students at Nichols, Chute, Haven, and MetroSquash learned how to use a sewing machine, how to sew by hand, and how to use the Cricut for designing and cutting garments. Students got to see their flat sketches come to life into three dimensional products. Adding in these elements taught students through the process of solving problems in order to make a garment or accessory. Having to go through the process of determining what type of fabric to use, what pattern, sizing, and readjusting sizes and the list goes on is all a part of the science experiment.

The Sew It Challenge incorporated social justice concepts and helps students learn about poverty issues in our community and in the world. For example, in other areas of the world, girls miss 20 of school due to not having menstrual supplies. In our own community, there are roughly 135 people experiencing homelessness on any given day, many of whom use the Library and who could benefit from the supplies as well. 71 students participated in our 10-week challenge and 93% of them can now sew.

MLK DAY OF SERVICE



On MLK Day, we held our second annual day of service. Patrons came in on one of the coldest days thus far to help make reusable pads for the Girls 4 Ghana Organization. There were several stations set up for measuring and cutting materials. A sewing station and card making station as well as animal chew toys for the local shelter.

LAST YEAR

- **1** session was held and **77** people attended
- **150** Pads were made
- Over **500** disposable pads were donated
- **140** yards of fabric was cut

THIS YEAR

- **2** sessions were held and **341** people attended
- **360** Pads were made
- Over **1,000** disposable pads were donated
- **600** yards of fabric was cut



120 GIRLS

NEW YEAR BETTER US

- Charging lockers coming to the library
- Free prints up to 80 cents
- New Additional Scanner
- Reimagine the Quiet Study Room- Maker Space & Emerging Adult Space

CARDBOARD CARNIVAL

Cardboard Carnival is open to all D65 students and Evanston residents in grades 5th through 8th. The rules are simple. Design a carnival style game using cardboard and other everyday materials. You must also include one motorized element. We will provide you with a free kit to help you get started that includes supplies, tools, and everything you need. We will begin touring middle schools next week to promote the challenge and the official kickoff date is February 1st!