

RIPL Data Bootcamp
Observations: Data Hiding in Plain Sight

Small Group Discussion

Scenario:

Last year, Crystal Springs Public Library opened its Creativity Zone to provide software and equipment for digital media creation, editing, design, and digital fabrication. The Creativity Zone includes a recording studio with a green screen, 3D printers, Silhouette Cameo digital cutters, a laser cutter/engraver, design software, and video and music editing software. Library staff decide to conduct observations to learn more about how the Creativity Zone is being used.

In your group:

Decide which of the following questions library staff can answer using observation:

- How noisy is the Creativity Zone during peak hours?
- How many Creativity Zone users live in Crystal Springs?
- Which pieces of Creativity Zone equipment are used most often?
- How many users collaborate with others during their Creativity Zone visit?
- What do users like best about the Creativity Zone?
- What questions do users ask staff during their Creativity Zone visit?