

Creative Empowerment:

Collaboratory Services for Small Businesses, Nonprofits,
and Volunteer Organizations



Customize your own gear and goods

The Collaboratory is a makerspace, coworking space, and digital media lab at the Wallingford Public Library. The Collaboratory is an ideal solution for small businesses, nonprofits, and volunteer organizations who need to create their own custom items economically and efficiently. Our skilled team will teach you how to produce promotional materials, raffle prizes, gifts, and even outdoor signage.

Some of our best offerings for businesses, nonprofits, and volunteer organizations include:

Laser Cutter

Create and customize a wide variety of goods, from keychains to coasters to engraved drinking glasses and more, with our Epilog Mini 18 laser cutter.

Votive Candle Holders



"I'm grateful for the Collaboratory's kindness and enthusiasm in supporting the mission of Adalynn's Gift. Their ability to etch a plain glass candle holder, turning it into something unique, enhances the memory boxes that I put together. The Collaboratory's personal touch is apparent on each and I'm certain the families that receive them are equally as appreciative of their time and effort!"

-Emily Peregrim
Adalynn's Gift

Signage & Glassware



"In today's world, "branding" is important to even the work of municipal government. How does a local government reach its citizens with new information on wayfinding, new open spaces and parks and 325th anniversary celebrations? The answer is the Wallingford Collaboratory which levels the playing field and allows bureaucrats with minimal public relations experience to access the all-important graphic arts which speak to everyone on a visual level. Thank goodness for the Wallingford Collaboratory!"

-Carol Szymanski
Town of Colchester



Vinyl Cutters

Cut vinyl to make indoor and outdoor signage or iron-on decals using our Cricut Maker and Silhouette Cameo vinyl cutters. We even have the Silhouette Cameo Pro for extra-large projects.

Signage & Mailbox Decals



"As a small business owner and resident of Wallingford, I greatly appreciate all the resources the Collaboratory has given me access to, especially the staff who have always been so happy to assist with projects. From printing services to Cricut machines, the library has so many tools to help me grow and promote my business. What's more, the Collaboratory has become a fun space for my family to explore our creativity together and that is more valuable than anything to me."

-Sopheak Tang
Peak Opticians

Button Maker

Create buttons to advertise your business or organization. Both 1.5 inch and 2.5 inch buttons are available.

Software

Use one of our top-of-the-line computers (two iMacs and two Microsoft Surface Studios featuring full-screen drawing capabilities) including the entire Adobe Creative Cloud at no cost.

Meeting Space

Reserve the conference table or horseshoe booth in the Collaboratory for your next meeting or project. The horseshoe booth has a Microsoft Surface Hub for presentations and coworking.

Sublimation Printer & Heat Presses

Brand merchandise like apparel, tote bags, and mugs, in permanent vibrant color with our Sawgrass SG500 sublimation printer. Our heat presses make it easy to get beautiful results for your sublimation projects.

Sublimation Flag & Mugs



-Fred Monahan
Boy Scouts of
America Fishing

Appointments Available

To access equipment in the Vault you will need to sign a waiver and undergo training on the piece of equipment you would like to use. Training appointments are 30 minutes and are one-on-one sessions. Training is available for the Brother DreamMaker XE VE2200 embroidery machine, Baby Lock Crown Jewel III long arm quilting machine, and Brother Homelock 1034D serger.

Please call us at (203)265-6754 to set up an appointment.



Collaboratory Full-Service Hours

Monday-Friday	9:30-1:00 & 1:30-9:00
Summer Fridays (July & August)	9:30-1:00 & 1:30-6:00
Saturday	9:30-1:00 & 1:30-5:00
Summer Saturdays (July & August)	9:30-1:00
Winter Sundays (January-April)	12:00-4:00



Library Hours

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During full-service hours, all equipment is open and staff are available to assist you. Self-service hours are the remaining operating hours of the Main Library.

During self-service hours, certain equipment is unavailable and there are no dedicated staff on hand.