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## MAKERSPACES, AFFECTIVE COMPUTING, AND MORE

Makerspaces are informal workshop environments where people gather to create prototypes or products in a do-it-yourself setting, explains NMC Horizon Project director Samantha Becker. "The key here is that these environments offer communal and cooperative access to devices and supplies [such as 3-D printers, Raspberry Pis, Arduinos, MaKey Makeys, Adobe Creative Suite software, laser cutters, and even sewing machines] for users to engage in self-directed activities that really build off of their curiosity and help them identify what they may be passionate about." One such Makerspace among many on college campuses is the seven-story, \$35 million **Sears think[box]** at Case Western University in Cleveland.