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National Week of Making comes to Washington



Makers have descended on the nation's capital to show off their best innovations for the week devoted to building and creating high-tech projects. In honor of the annual event, which runs through Thursday, we spoke to teachers and administrators from forward-thinking schools around the country to find out how they're getting their students involved in making. Some schools have devoted areas for makerspaces, while others showcase cars they have built. [Read more](#) about how the maker movement is taking off.



Online education can easily reach the masses — and the State Department is using open platforms like Coursera to deliver free schooling to refugees. The government agency and the massive open online course platform [have teamed up](#) to offer online classes to refugees, starting in Lebanon, officials said. The State Department will allocate money to humanitarian organizations to set up a class with computers so refugees have a place to go and work on their classes.

Ten schools won \$20,000 each for their promising proposals to build makerspaces. The competition was part of a federal Career

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and Technical Education Makeover Challenge, which coincided with the National Week of Making. More than 640 high schools from around the country laid out how they would build or convert school space into areas for students to collaborate on projects using tools, technology and machinery. [Read more about the winning schools.](#)

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Local schools in Virginia came out on top in the eCYBERMISSION competition, hosted by the U.S. Army and the National Science Teachers Association. Students from Fairfax, Herndon and Centerville school districts [developed winning projects](#) that would help their communities take on 21st century challenges around alternative energy, the environment and national security. The contest aims to encourage students in sixth through ninth grades to develop solutions using science and technology.



Here's our list of what you should read this week:

- **East Liberty Wi-fi bid targets digital divide, aims for fall start-off, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette***
- **5 Ways Scholarship Searches Benefit from Technology, *U.S. News & World Report***
- **Duval County Public Schools selling laptops for \$50 to narrow 'digital divide', *Florida Politics***
- **Require computer science in California schools ASAP, *San Diego Union-Tribune***
- **Every Roanoke City Elementary School to teach computer coding, *WBDJ 7 News***

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