

# Autistry Studios

## Autistry Maker Incubator (AMI)

### An Overview

**The Vision:** *a thriving, creative, and stimulating environment offering real opportunities for our students to become productive members of their community.*

The Autistry Maker Incubator is the next step in the development of maker skills, manufacturing skills, and sales skills for students in the Autistry programs. Most neurodiverse individuals have no employment experience when they enter the adult work-world and are therefore ill-equipped for success. Working with others, and for others, can be a challenge. But entrepreneurship, working by yourself and for yourself, is also a challenge. It requires multiple skills and an array of resources.

The Autistry Maker Incubator supports the development of individual and group creative products by providing a shared workshop, collaborative admin services, retail space, and the personal support needed for autistic adults to be independent.



### What the students will do:

- Pursue their own projects or work on group projects that they design.
- Test market and refine their creations in the retail space and online.
- Help each other in team projects.
- If a product is successful, we will help the student engage with outsourced manufacturing or other steps appropriate for that project.



We will work with our students on several hands-on projects to build our toolset (literally and figuratively!) in preparation for our first small-run manufacturing project.

This program incorporates STEAM education to help students learn about the design process - prototyping, connecting a product to a community or consumer need, building project timelines, and product testing in a fun, hands-on environment.

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### Where this will happen:

We have leased 850 4th Street in downtown San Rafael. The previous occupant, Copperfield's Books has moved up the street. This is a unique space and fabulous opportunity. The 7,380 square foot facility includes a retail space providing the opportunity for students to sell their products. The pre-existing coffee bar allows for the development of a small student-operated business. There is ample space for a meeting room/classroom, as well as space for a large product preparation workshop.



### Features in include:

- 7,380 sq. ft.
- Downtown storefront
- Existing coffee bar
- Large workshop area
- Space for large meeting/classroom
- ADA accessible w/ADA bathrooms
- 2 blocks from Transit Center

### When will this happen:

We just received the keys. There will be some initial buildout required so we do not anticipate opening the facility to the public until 2022. That gives us time to plan the activities and schedule the various workshops. The studio at 448 Du Bois will continue to be the Autistry home base and the site of many workshops.

This is an exciting time for Autistry – a time of expansion, growth, and new adventures. We look forward to joining the Downtown San Rafael Community.

We are currently hiring staff – mentors/makers/creators! If you are ready for a job that doesn't feel like work, email or call us (info below).

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