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MEDIA RELEASE

IRBE Opens Second Toronto Tool Library and Makerspace In the East End!

Toronto's only [Tool Library](#), a project of the [Institute for a Resource Based Economy \(IRBE\)](#), has recently expanded operations and opened a new Danforth location called the Toronto Tool Library and Makerspace. The freshly renovated 1900 sq.ft. space provides access to a wide variety of tools and resources for everything from renovation, home repair and gardening to high-technology tools like a 3D printer and speciality appliances from the newly-established [Kitchen Library](#). The Tool library is celebrating the new space with **Grand Opening** events featuring facility tours, open house and demonstrations on **Thursday November 7, 2012 from 4pm-7pm at 1803 Danforth Ave.**

Since opening its doors in spring 2013, the flagship Toronto Tool Library in Parkdale has loaned over 1,000 tools to more than two hundred members with a 100% tool return rate. The new east-end location is an expanded resource library, complete with a Makerspace to use software technology, woodworking tools and other large complex tools onsite. Members can develop projects on their own or with training from a local group of experts. The new location will also feature educational workshops beginning in 2014, and is also available for community-group rentals.

"We are thrilled to be opening our second location in the east end, giving more people access to vital resources to renovate, repair, beautify their homes and develop skills to create resilient communities. The Tool Library has become one example, which people are readily embracing, of our larger vision for the sharing economy, which encourages access over ownership," states IRBE Board of Director and Tool Library co-founder, Sheetal Lodhia.

Community members like Mat Trudel have also expressed the need for collaborative spaces: "I'd never be able to justify having such a large and well equipped space to myself, but the Tool Library makes it easy! Having access to a full workshop so close to home is a huge win for me. I'm starting up projects and closing off to-dos that I've had on my plate for years, and it feels great!"

In addition to the opening party to inaugurate the new space, [Active Surplus](#) has sponsored IRBE in partnership with [Maker2Maker](#) & [The Makers Nation](#) to host **Battle-Bot-Royale**, an "Iron-Chef" Style Bot Competition on **November 16, 2013**. Register here: <http://battlebotroyale.eventbrite.ca>

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Media RSVP for the Grand Opening by November 6 to Victoria at victoria@irbe.org or call 647.293.9814.

Date: Thursday, November 7, 2013

What: Grand Opening - Toronto Tool Library and Makerspace

Where: 1803 Danforth Ave, east of Coxwell subway station

Time: Media only 11am - 1pm. Media also invited to public open house 4pm-7pm and public Community party 8pm-11pm (free admission, cash bar).

For More Information or Interviews, please contact:

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The [Toronto Tool Library](#) is an innovative project of the [Institute for Resource Based Economy](#), encouraging a sharing and collaborative economy. Much like car sharing (AutoShare) and accommodation sharing (AirB&B), the Tool Library aims to reduce consumption and provide greater public access to resources. www.torontotoolibrary.com / www.irbe.org.