

Dear Kickstarters,

When we began this journey in September, we had the modest goal of telling a story about something we loved. With your backing, we have dug much deeper into the movement than we ever could have with our initial budget.

We wouldn't have been able to tell this story without you. The newly ambitious scale, the far-spanning timeline and even the improvement of equipment are all thanks to you.

Since February we have visited the Quad Cities, Milwaukee, Detroit, Kansas City, New York, Seattle, Boston, and San Francisco. We have visited over a dozen spaces, interviewed over 30 influential individuals including programmers, scientists, professors, engineers, writers, and entrepreneurs. Each one of them spoke of the incredible power and importance of this movement. We are witnessing a wonderful rebirth of creativity all over the country. Foundries once cold are fired anew, milling machines destined for dumpsters have been retooled for small manufacturing and rapid prototyping, and people are realizing that they can make things for themselves.

It is with my most sincere appreciation that I present to you the first set of rewards for your donation. We continue to visit spaces and places and once we complete our round of interviews this summer, we will move into a more intense editing stage. We hope to have the project complete by the beginning of next year. None of this could have been done without your generous support.

Thank you.

-Jim, Jordan, Chris, and Kadi

P.S. Keep an eye out for a few updates coming your way. This summer we'd like to show you a sneak peek of the film: a 10 minute short of a few of the interviews we've gathered so far.