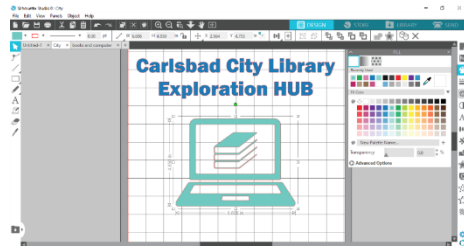


Exploration HUB Silhouette Cameo FAQ



What is Silhouette Cameo?

It is a DIY electronic cutting machine that works with the Silhouette Studio software to create designs to then cut out on cardstock, vinyl, heat transfer vinyl, fabric and more.

What can I create?

The possibilities with the Silhouette Cameo are endless.

- Design your own custom apparel
- Create personalized party décor and invitations
- Make home decor with a signature look
- Create your business merchandise

What model do you have in the Exploration HUB?

The Carlsbad City Library owns two Silhouette Cameo 2 cutters and one Silhouette Cameo 3 cutter. All models of the Silhouette Cameo are run by the Silhouette Studio software.

Do you offer classes?

Yes, there are monthly classes taught by staff and volunteers. A valid library card and email address is required and classes are for ages 13+ unless otherwise noted.

When I attend a class should I bring my own materials?

We provide all the materials required to learn and create the project.

Can I use the equipment and software outside of class time?

Yes, you can reserve a Silhouette Cameo 2 during Open Lab for up to 2 hours. Open Lab is when classes are not in session. Reserve a 2-hour timeslot using the Equipment Sign-Up page. A parent or guardian must be present when children 12 and under reserve the equipment.

Bring with you:

- Storage device such as USB stick or external hard drive to save designs on.
- We suggest bringing in personally owned supplies and materials to ensure that the reservation time is used effectively, and patrons leave with a personalized project.

The following materials are provided in the HUB:

- Silhouette Cameo 2
- Silhouette Cameo 12 x 12 cut mats
- Silhouette blade
- Weeding tools
- Heat press

Does the Library have free materials I can use during Open Lab?

We have the following materials on a limited bases in the Exploration HUB. Ask staff when you would like to use the materials. The material types might vary as well as the colors and patterns of the products. We cannot guarantee any products for personal projects created in the Exploration HUB.

- Assorted cardstock
- Vinyl (printable, adhesive, matte, glossy, stencil, etc.)
- Heat transfer (iron-on) vinyl
- Temporary tattoo paper
- Vellum
- Silhouette pens and markers

Do you provide free project materials like t-shirts or bags during Open Lab?

Unfortunately, we do not provide these products during Open Lab hours. We suggest you take a Silhouette Cameo class to learn skills and create specific projects. All materials are provided in class.

What heat press options are there?

Depending on the size of your project we have two options available. We have a D&G heat press with adjustable heat settings. This is good for tote bags and t shirts. For smaller projects we also have the Cricut Easy Press Mini. This is ideal for small items such as socks or hats. If your project requires the use of a heat press, please speak to the Exploration HUB tech on duty for assistance.

Can I use the heat press without staff assistance?

Due to safety reasons staff are the only people allowed to operate the heat press.

Can I make a design at home and come in to use the cameo cutter?

Yes, if you have access to Silhouette Studio software feel free to create your designs at home. Save your final project to a USB drive or cloud storage. You will still need to make a reservation to use the Silhouette Cameo cutter.