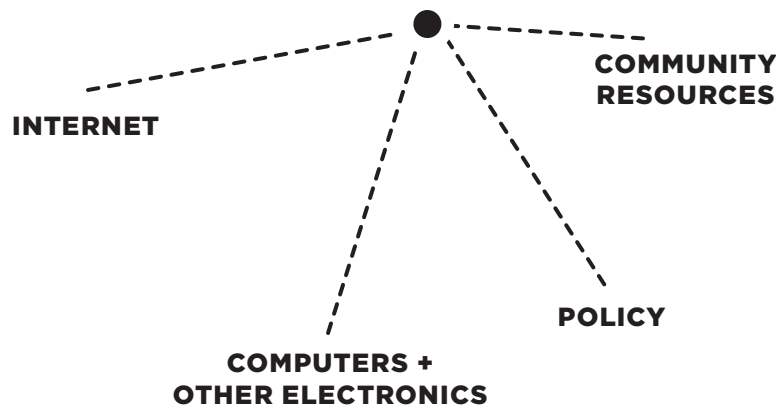


# DISCOTECH!



A **Discotech** (which is short for **Discovering Technology**) is a model for a community-based and community-organized multimedia, drop-in workshop fair.

At a **Discotech**, participants learn more about the impact and possibilities of technology within our communities and take part in fun, interactive and media-based workshops.

**Discotech** workshops are designed to demystify technology and create a space where we can inform and engage our community around concepts such as: Internet use and ownership, tools of the digital trade and local resources. A **Discotech** utilizes the unique skills and expertise within each community and morphs to adapt to changing needs. **Discotechs** are constantly evolving, there are infinite ways of holding the event!

DDJC's **Discotechs** have integrated the following core concepts: Internet, Computers + Electronics, Policy and Community Resources.

**Internet:** Using the idea of a "Consultation Station" we've organized youth to run computer stations where participants can (to name a few):

- ask questions, get answers
- start an email account
- learn more about social media
- experiment with online tools like Flickr, etc.

**Computers + Electronics:** We've set up both do-it-yourself computer building, repair and demystification using salvaged and affordable parts and hands-on synthesizer workshops.

**Policy:** We've screened films like "The Internet is Serious Business" which illuminates the impact and possibilities of the Internet and technology within our communities.

**Community Resources:** We've distributed our info zines "Communication is a Fundamental Human Right" which includes educational tools, articles and technology resources alongside other print material which cover local Detroit technology resources and activities.