

The Library of Things is a collection of non-traditional items that support the mission to provide diverse resources to explore, learn, and connect. Patrons who borrow a Library of Things item agree to abide by Library of Things lending guidelines below.

Scope of Collection

The purpose of the Library of Things is to provide diverse opportunities for learning and engagement. The Library of Things is not intended to be comprehensive, as the library is limited by a finite amount of funds and storage space for these items. The Library of Things may include, but is not limited to:

- Home Improvement and Assistive Devices
- Music and Audiovisual Equipment
- Science and Technology Kits
- Crafting Tools
- Puzzles and Games
- Children's Learning Kits

Selection of Materials

Library staff select materials for the Library of Things collection based on the needs and interests of library patrons and prevailing trends in library best practices. The library welcomes input from the community concerning the collection. All suggestions for purchase are evaluated using the same selection criteria as other materials.

Not all library materials may be suitable for all members of the community. Responsibility for a child's use of library materials, regardless of format or content, lies with the parent or guardian, not with the library.

The library reserves the right to take a Library of Things item out of circulation temporarily to use for library purposes (workshops, demonstrations, or other programs), or to repair a damaged item.

Library of Things Guidelines for Borrowing and Use

A valid CW/MARS library card is required to borrow a Library of Things item. Library of Things items are not available through system-wide holds. All library patrons are required to check out and return Library of Things items to the Circulation Desk. Please do not use the book drop to return Library of Things items.

Proper Use and Liability

Please use care when handling the Library of Things item you have borrowed.

Borrowers are expected to return the Library of Things item clean with all parts and components in the original condition, and in the original library container to the Circulation Desk.

Borrowers are solely responsible for a Library of Things item and will be billed for reasonable repair or replacement costs associated with damage or loss.

The library is not responsible for any injury, loss, or damage that may occur from use of a Library of Things item. It is the borrower's responsibility to protect against loss.

Staff will inspect Library of Things items upon return.

Loan Periods and Fees

In most cases, a Library of Things item may be borrowed for 3 weeks with no renewals. When a Library of Things item is marked late, the borrowing patron will be billed \$20; this fine will be waived upon return of the item. The Library reserves the right to change borrowing periods for a Library of Things item at any time.