



Library of Things Lending Policy

Purpose

The Library of Things is a collection of nontraditional items ("Thing(s)") for the Lincoln community to borrow.

Guidelines for Borrowing and Use

- Things from the collection can only be checked out and returned to the Circulation Desk at the Lincoln Public Library. Do not use the book drop. There will be a \$5.00 fee if returned to a public library in another community or the book drop, and additional fees may be incurred for any damages from being in the book drop.
- Things may be borrowed for 7 days unless otherwise specified.
- Patrons must be 18 years or older to borrow.
- Checkout is limited to one Thing per household.
- Holds may not be placed on Things.
- The library cannot provide additional instruction on the operation of Things.
- The Thing may only be used in compliance with the Things directions and manufacturer's guidelines. Patrons shall not make any modifications or alterations to the Thing.
- Patrons must be in good standing with the Library, have a valid Ocean State Libraries library card with a current address on file and no outstanding fines over \$10.00.
- The library reserves the right to refuse service to patrons who abuse the equipment or who are repeatedly late in returning Library of Things items.
- Once a Thing is checked out to the cardholder, it becomes the patron's responsibility. They will be responsible for costs associated with damage or loss of the Thing and/or peripherals (including components, accessories, and carriers) due to neglect or abuse.
- The library is not responsible for any liability, damages or expense resulting from the use or misuse of the Things.
- Not all Things may be suitable for all members of the community. Responsibility for a child's use of Thing lies with the parent or guardian.

Proper Care and Use

- As with any device, use care when handling.
- All Things must be returned clean and in the same condition as they were issued, considering normal wear and tear. Any personal data on a loaned item should be removed prior to their return.
- If any problems are encountered, patrons should return the Thing immediately to the Circulation Desk at the Lincoln Public Library.

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