

Plympton Public Library

Library of Things Collection Policy

The Library of Things is a collection of non-traditional items designed to provide educational, cultural, practical, and recreational materials to the residents of Plympton. Patrons who borrow an item from the Library of Things agree to abide by the Plympton Public Library's Library of Things lending guidelines.

Scope of Collection

The Library of Things may include, but are not limited to:

- Children's Learning Kits
- Crafting kits and tools
- Tools and other items for yardwork and jobs around the house
- Technology
- Puzzles and games
- Audiovisual equipment
- Sports and games

Selection of Materials

Staff at the Plympton Public Library will select materials for the Library of Things based on the needs and interest of Library patrons. The Library welcomes input from the community on items to add to the collection.

Not all Library materials are suitable for all members of the community. Responsibility for a child's use of Library materials lies with the parent or guardian, not with the Library.

Guidelines for Borrowing

- Due to the nature of the items in the Library of Things, these items will not be shared with other libraries in the SAILS network. Items from the Library of Things cannot be returned to the book drop. All Library patrons are required to check out and return Library of Things items to the Circulation Desk.
- Patrons must have a valid SAILS account with no outstanding fines above \$15
- Most items in the Library of Things have a 2-week loan period and can be renewed once unless another borrower is waiting.

- Some items in the collection may only be checked out to persons 18 or older, or with a parent or guardian signature if under 18.
- The Library reserves the right to change borrowing periods for items in the Library of Things at any time.

Proper Use

Please use care when handling the Thing you have borrowed

The borrower is solely responsible for items from the Library of Things and will be billed for reasonable repair or replacement costs associated with damage or loss of Things due to neglect or abuse. A list of replacement costs will be maintained by the Library and is available upon request.

The Library is not responsible for any injury, loss, or damage that may occur from use of a Thing. The responsibility to protect against loss is the borrowers.

Library staff will inspect items upon return. Borrowers are expected to return the item with all parts and components in the original condition and in the original Library container the Circulation Desk. Patrons will be financially responsible for any damage to a Thing while in their possession.

Library of Things Loan Agreement, Liability Waiver, and Informed Consent Form

My signature below indicates that I have read the following statement and I agree to abide by these conditions when checking out material from the Library of Things.

- I agree to accept full responsibility for the material while it is checked out to me.
- I accept full financial liability for the material and accessories while in my possession.
- I agree to pay all costs associated with damage to, loss of, or theft of the material and accessories while it is checked out to me.
- I agree to the loan period set for the Thing borrowed and I agree to return it to a staff member inside the Library (not in the book drop).
- I agree to indemnify and hold the Plympton Public Library and its Trustees and staff, the Town of Plympton and its employees, officers, and agents harmless from and against all liabilities, claims, actions, proceedings, damages, losses, costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees, for all injuries or death of any person, or damage to any property occurring or arising from or connected with, directly or indirectly, my possession, use, and return of the equipment.
- I understand that the Library does not provide supervision or instruction for the use of the equipment. I understand and acknowledge that the use of some equipment may involve risk of serious injury, including permanent disability and death. I agree to refrain from using any equipment in a manner inconsistent with its intended design and purpose. I have read this Liability Waiver and Informed Consent Form and sign it voluntarily.

Borrower Name & Signature

Please Print: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____