

Library of Things Policy

Guidelines for Borrowing and Use

Objects lent out by the Library through its Library of Things program must be checked out from and returned to the Circulation Desk during normal library hours. Items may not be returned to any other MVLC Library.

Borrowers of Things must be 12+ years old (18+ for the Hotspot). A valid MVLC library card in good standing is required to borrow a Thing.

Loan Periods and Replacement Costs

Things may be borrowed for up to 14 days, except for Hotspots, which are limited to 7 days. Things may not be renewed. Borrowing is capped at three Things at any time.

Things must be returned in a comparable condition to which they were borrowed. The borrower is solely responsible for the Thing and timely return of all parts. The borrower will be billed for reasonable repair or replacement costs associated with damage or loss of Things and/or peripherals due to neglect or abuse.

Hotspots can only be used in the continental United States. If international fees are incurred, the patron will be responsible. A form to check out the Hotspot will be provided at the circulation desk.

The Library Director has sole discretion in making these decisions. Replacement values for a Thing will be listed in the object's description area online at [The Library of Things Policy](#).

Proper Use and Liability

The Reuben Hoar Library is not responsible for any injury, loss, fees, or damage that may occur from use of a Thing.

Donations

Acceptance of items to the Library of Things from the public is at the discretion of the Library Director in consultation with the Library Trustees.

The Reuben Hoar [Library Collection Development Policy](#) will be considered when determining which donations to accept. Only items in good-working order and condition will be added to the collection.

If a donation is added to the collection, it may not remain there in perpetuity and may be removed as part of ongoing collection maintenance.

Approved by
Reuben Hoar Library Trustees
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