

Middletown Public Library's Library of Things Policy

Purpose

The Library of Things is a collection of nontraditional items available for the Middletown community to borrow such as tools, technology, and other equipment.

Guidelines for Borrowing and Use

- Things from the collection can only be checked out and returned to the Circulation Desk at the Middletown 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 one week unless otherwise specified, and may not be renewed.
- Checkout is limited to two Things per household at any given time.
- At this time, holds may not be placed on Things.
- Borrowers must be 18 years or older.
- Borrowers must be in good standing with the Library, have a valid Ocean State Libraries library card with a current address on file, have at least a 3-month borrowing history, 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 Things.
- The library is not responsible for any liability, damages, or expense resulting from misuse of the Thing, connection of the device to other electronic devices, or data loss from use of the Thing.
- The library cannot provide additional instruction on the operation of Things.
- The overdue fine is \$5.00 a day. Maximum fine will be \$10.00.
- The borrower is responsible for costs associated with damage or loss of the Things and/or peripherals (including components, accessories, and carriers) due to neglect or abuse. A list of replacement costs of items is available upon request.

Proper Care and Use

- As with any device, use care when handling.
- If any technical problems are encountered, patrons should return the Thing immediately to the Circulation Desk at the Middletown Public Library.

Liability

Patrons borrowing items from the Library of Things agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Town of Middletown, the Board of Library Trustees, the Middletown Public Library, and their employees, officers, agents and representatives, from any and all suits, actions, claims, or demands of any nature arising out of or brought on account of any injuries or damages sustained by any person as a consequence or result of the use of Library of Things items.

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