



Find the **Library of Things** collection at cphlibrary.org>borrow or around the corner from the Ask Desk in the Library.

Discover, Learn, Do: Beyond Books

- Want to find out what your car's error codes mean?
- Try out a new game or video equipment, such as a projector?
- Learn how to crochet?
- Go on an outdoor adventure or look up at the night sky?

The Library is here to help. Beyond traditional media (books, DVDs, and magazines) it is a great resource for tech, tools, games, and crafts through its Library of Things--a collection that can enrich your experiences and adventures by simply borrowing them from the Library.

"The Library of Things allows us to provide additional materials while sticking to our mission of supporting the educational or recreational needs of our patrons," says Rebecca Verhayden, assistant director. "It rolls sustainability and savings into one by offering access to a wide range of items you need occasionally, but may not want to purchase."

The collection is expanding this spring, with new items (pickleball paddles, stud finders, and record players), updated packaging, and redesigned access on our website. We are also partnering with the Cornell Cooperative Extension to offer a Seed Library (with free seeds!) and other gardening information and resources.

Beyond providing many opportunities for learning, playing and creating, the Library of Things makes it possible for patrons to spend less and repair items they may already own.

"It's just more sustainable to borrow and return items--whether that is a book, game, puzzle, speakers, or binoculars--than to purchase it and store it at your house," Verhayden says. "Other items make it possible to repair things you already own to keep them out of the landfill, such as sewing kits to mend torn clothing, or a kit to get your old bike back on the road."

How to Borrow

The Library of Things is located right around the corner from the Ask Desk. You just need your library card (some restrictions apply) to start borrowing and using items for two weeks at a time. Due to demand, items cannot be reserved in advance. If it's on the shelf, it's available.

"Almost everything operates like a regular item," Verhayden says. "The only exception is the HotSpots, which can only be borrowed 12 times per year, per household, and are for Tax District Residents only."

Browse our online catalog or stop by the Library to see what's available!

The Library of Things offers a wide variety of items for your home, entertainment, and adventures:



Tech and Devices:

mobile hotspots, record player, wireless speakers, projector, DVD player



Games and Activities:

board games and puzzles, outdoor games



Home, Garden, and DIY Tools:

soil testers, thermal imaging scanners, electricity usage monitors, sewing and crafting supplies



Outdoor and Exploration:

bike repair kits, binoculars, hiking backpacks, telescopes)



Learning and Enrichment:

early literacy kits, flash cards



Museum and Park Passes