

Library of Things

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Agenda

- Overview
- History
- Collection Details
- Goals
- Impact
- Future Plans



Overview – What is a Thing?



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- Arts & Crafts
- Electronics & Devices
- Fun & Games
- Home Improvement & Auto
- Kitchen & Cooking
- Literacy & Learning
- Outdoors & Gardening



History



- Pilot: Induction cooktops and WiFi hotspots
- Covid: Chromebooks and bundles
- Grant support: Sustainability
- Ongoing: Growth of collection

Collection Details



- Purchasing Decisions
- Funding
- Number of Unique Items
- Number of Overall Items

Collection Details - FY 24/25

Top Circulating Items - Adults

- CA State Parks Pass (730)
- Wi-Fi Hotspot (390)
- Chromebook (123)

Top Circulating Items – Youth*

- Storytime to Go Kit: Sensory (29)
- Storytime to Go Kit: Opposites (28)
- Storytime to Go Kit: Things that Go (27)



Library of Things Goals



Responsive Government



Welcoming Community



Sustainable City

Library of Things Goals

- Accessibility
- Sustainability
- Creativity
- Exploration/Play
- Lifelong Learning
- Partnerships





Future Plans

- Community survey results
- Additional partnerships
- Additional items for youth
- Focus on sustainability
- Synergy with Lakewood Branch makerspaces





Questions?