



Upper Dublin Public Library Library of Things Policy

Connecting people and ideas to educate, inspire and strengthen the Upper Dublin community.

The Upper Dublin Public Library (UDPL) loans a variety of items through the Library of Things. An extension of the UDPL STEAM Lab, the UDPL's Library of Things includes, but is not limited to: outdoor equipment, home improvement tools, and early childhood & STEAM kits. Purchased and maintained in accordance with the Library's Materials Selection & Collection Development Policy, this Policy is meant to be inclusive of all current and future items loaned by the Library from this collection.

Library of Things Goals

1. To save library patrons money by lending items people infrequently use
2. To encourage experimentation, curiosity, and learning
3. To offer opportunities for self-directed recreation and discovery
4. To reduce redundancy and waste in Upper Dublin Township

Types of Things Included in the Collection

General categories have been developed for the Library of Things collection, but these are intended to act as guides for selection, and not to place limits on what can be represented in the collection.

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

- Children's Literacy & STEAM Kits
- Crafting Kits and Tools
- Outdoor Equipment
- Health and Wellbeing Equipment
- Tools and other Home Materials
- Audiovisual Equipment
- Technology

Borrowing Eligibility and Requirements

Items in the Library of Things may be checked out to persons 18 years or older with a valid library card from a MCLINC member library. The account must be in good standing. Those with an Upper Dublin Library card may reserve items up to 60 days in advance. Items may be checked out for one week (no renewals), and up to two items may be checked out on a card at any given time. Items must be returned to the Express Library (1st floor) during the Library's

regular operating hours. The Library reserves the right to refuse the loan of any item at its discretion.

Borrower's Responsibility

The borrower is responsible for preventing damage to or theft of items borrowed from the Library of Things. While all items in the Library of Things come with manufacturer instruction sheets (where applicable) and staff can provide a basic overview of each item, by taking possession of any item the borrower is certifying that they are capable of using the item in a safe and appropriate manner. All Library of Things items are to be returned to the Library in the same condition as they were issued. Notify staff immediately of any problem with an item from Library of Things. A borrower may be held responsible for the cost of a damaged or lost item or items, and charges may incur based on replacement value not to exceed \$500. The Library reserves the right to assess other charges for damage as necessary. The Library is not responsible for any manufacturing defects in Library of Things items.

See additional instructions for use provided with each item from the Library of Things collection.

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