

Hoolbrook Public Library  
Library of Things Policy

The Library of Things is a collection of nontraditional items available for the Holbrook community to borrow such as tools, technology, and other equipment. Items may be checked out and returned to the Holbrook Public Library Circulation Desk on the main floor. **Please do not return items in the book drop.**

In order to borrow a Library of Things item, patrons must meet the following criteria:

- Borrowers must have a valid Old Colony Library Network card in good standing.
- Borrowers of tools and appliances must be 18 years or older. Other items may be borrowed by patrons of all ages.
- Borrowers must pick up and return the Library of Things item at the Holbrook Public Library Circulation Desk.
- All items are to be returned in the same condition as they were issued, barring normal wear and tear. All items must be returned clean.

### Loan Periods

A Library of Things item may be borrowed for up to one week and renewed up to two times unless another borrower is waiting.

### Proper Use and Liability

As with all Library materials, the borrower is responsible for the item and will be billed for reasonable repair and replacement costs associated with damage, or loss of items and/or peripherals (including components, accessories, and carriers) due to neglect or abuse. A list of replacement costs of items is available upon request.

Patrons borrowing items from the Library of Things agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Town of Holbrook, the Board of Library Trustees, the Holbrook 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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The Holbrook Public Library staff claims no expertise and makes no representation concerning the fitness of any item for any particular use. The Borrower agrees that if any borrowed item becomes unsafe or in a state of disrepair, he or she must immediately discontinue use of the item and notify the Library of the issue on return, if not earlier.

Library staff may be available to explain the operation of an item. However, by taking possession of any item, the borrower is certifying that they are capable of using that item in a safe and proper manner.

It is the borrower's responsibility to protect against loss. Staff will inspect Library of Things items upon return. Borrowers are expected to return the item with all parts to the Circulation Desk. Borrowers will be responsible for any damage to a Library of Things item while in their possession.

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