

Library of Things

Allegheny County Library System

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Where we are:



NERC Mission and Vision



OUR MISSION

To minimize waste, conserve natural resources, and advance a sustainable economy through facilitated collaboration and action.



OUR VISION

Is a world in which waste is minimized and natural resources are conserved.

In a circular economy



We design more sustainable things

Share & repair to keep them in use

Help regenerate the planets resources

THE RESULT?

Less waste is created - we're kinder to our planet!



MARKETS

Struggling economy is leading to a revolution in the stacks

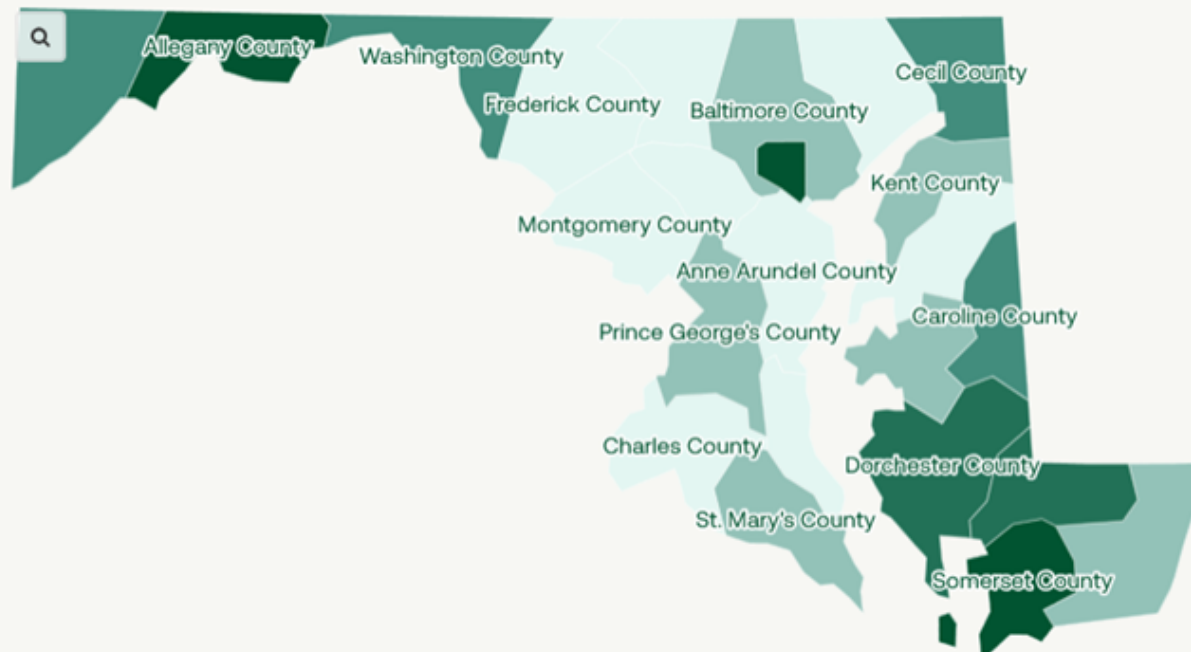
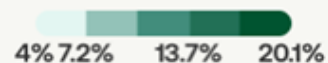
Libraries in the Internet age have morphed from somber institutions into social hubs for job seekers, small business owners and local residents looking for advice, or a meeting place.

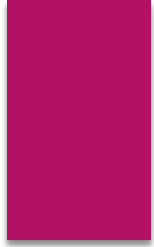


In 2019-2023, the poverty rate among Maryland counties ranged from 4.0% to 20.1%.



Poverty rate





WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH THE LIBRARY OF THINGS?

- Gain access to a variety of unique materials for free with your library card!
- Try tools for different repair projects
- Discover a new hobby
- Save money and storage space



LIBRARY OF THINGS FAQ

- Things check out for 7 days
- Non-renewable
- \$1.00 per day overdue fine rate
- Things must be returned with all parts and in clean condition
- Borrowers must be 18 or older



RUIDI INTERCHANGEABLE CIRCULAR KNITTING NEEDLES SET



This kit includes:

- Thirteen pairs of aluminum
- circular knitting needles
- cables of various lengths
- needle holders
- cable keys
- non-slip pad
- stitch markers
- needle gauge
- couplers
- carrying case

CAKE DECORATING KIT



This set includes:

- two 8 inch cake pans
- 3-tier cooling rack
- one 11 inch rotating cake stand
- 46-piece decorating kit with case and instructions
- 3-piece icing spatula set

WILTON ELMO FACE CAKE PAN



Dimensions:
12.5 x 10.75 x 2 Elmo
face shaped cake
pan

WILTON MEDIUM LOAF PAN SET



2 Non Stick
8.5 x 4.5 x 2.5 loaf
pans

EASTER COOKIE CUTTERS



Shapes included:

- Egg
- Butterfly
- Chick
- Rabbit
- Bunny ears
- Carrot

WILTON MUFFIN PAN SET



- two 6-cup 6.7 x 11 muffin pans

CRAFTSMAN HOME TOOL KIT



This kit includes:

- 1 pear head ratchet
- 11- 6 Pt sockets
- 16 hex keys
- 2 screwdrivers
- one 12 foot tape measure
- one 6 inch slip joint pliers
- one 18 mm snap off knife
- one 16 oz hammer
- 1 bit adapter
- 1 spinner handle
- 21 specialty bits
- one fiberglass carrying case

BIKE REPAIR KIT



This kit includes:

- 2 tire levers
- 1 16 in1 folding tool
- 1 mini pump
- 1 bone wrench
- 1 belt pouch
- 2 pc rubber tubes
- 1 pc metal rasp
- 5 pc glueless patches

DEWALT DRILL DRIVER



- 1 cordless drill
- 2 lithium ion batteries
- 1 battery charger
- 1 instruction sheet
- 1 deWalt carrying bag

WALL SCANNER (STUD FINDER)



Includes:

- stud finder with hand strap
- one 9 volt battery (inside stud finder)
- 1 user guide
- green pouch

MAKER'S LOFT

GET CRAFTY!

ASK A STAFF MEMBER TO USE ONE OF THE THINGS!

- Things are available for use during library visit.
- Things may not be checked out
- Must be 18+ or accompanied by a guardian to use Thing



SEWING MACHINE



This kit includes:

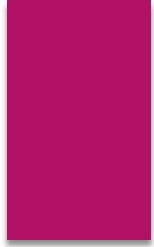
- singer heavy duty sewing machine
- General Purpose Foot
- Zipper Foot
- Buttonhole Foot
- Button Sewing Foot
- Edge/Quilting Guide
- Pack of Needles
- Bobbins
- Spool Caps
- Auxiliary Spool Pin
- Spool Pin Felt
- Screwdriver
- Seam Ripper/Lint Brush

SEWING STARTER KIT



This kit includes:

- 10 pc clips
- 1 rotary cutter
- Clothespins
- glass head pins
- pins
- Measuring tape
- 1 seam ripper
- 1 pin magnet
- 1 ruler
- 1 pair fabric scissors
- 1 pair thread snips
- 1 iron disappearing pen
- 1 water soluble pen
- 1 sewing gauge
- 1 cutting mat



Frostburg Library LOT Coming in 2026!

- ▶ Explorer backpacks – a backpack featuring medicinal plant and bird identification books, binoculars, collapsible hiking pole
- ▶ LED Camping Lanterns
- ▶ Pet Carriers
- ▶ Root Slayer shovel
- ▶ Pressure washer
- ▶ DVD players
- ▶ Step ladder
- ▶ Electronics toolkit
- ▶ Tortilla press
- ▶ Pasta machine
- ▶ Pressure cooker
- ▶ Food dehydrator
- ▶ Food processor
- ▶ Whetstone knife sharpening stone

Library of Things : Next Steps in Implementation

Cataloging Details: Review and Approve

Collection: Library of Things (LOFT)

Shelf Location: See Library Staff

Call Number: LOT

Loan Rules:

- 7 day loan,
- no renewals,
- fine rate \$1.00/\$6.00,
- holdable at ACLS, (not loanable outside ACLS)
- pick up at LaVale (no pickups at other branches)

Owning Branch: LaVale

Items can be searched by "Library of Things" in PAC and LEAP

Important MARC Fields:

- 245 00 †aWilton Perfect Results premium non-stick 9-Inch fluted tube pan.
- 246 3 †aRecipe right non-stick fluted tube pan, 9.75 inch
- 500 †aIncludes 9.75 x 3.37 tube pan, large (19.7 x 13.7 x6) clear PVC tote, inventory card.
- 500 †aPlease clean all items before returning.
- 500 †aReturn to LaVale Library circulation desk only. DO NOT RETURN IN BOOK DROP.
- 520 †aFluted tube pan lets you get creative with your cooking and baking. Made of steel; non stick surface for easy release and quick cleanup. For best results, wash in warm, soapy water before first and after each use. 9.75 in. dia. x 3.7 in. (24.7 cm dia x 9.3 cm)
- 590 †aCustomer must sign waiver at checkout.
- 590 †aFluted tube pan \$12.49, tote \$9.00
- 590 †aPICKUP AND RETURN AT LAVALE BRANCH ONLY

Suggested Basic Workflow:

Checking Out:

There is a frame to match each item

Patron picks up frame on display and brings it to the circulation desk to check out

Back of the frame: identifications to locate item

- matches inventory card
- Title, inventory description, barcode
 - Example: Wilton Perfect Results premium non-stick 9-inch fluted tube pan; Includes 9.75 x 3.37 tube pan, large (19.7 x 13.7 x6) clear PVC tote; 32200009603574; Location: Drawer 3 (or Shelf A or whatever)

Staff go to the drawer/shelf, retrieve item, verifying the barcode matches

Staff keep the item and file the frame in its place in that drawer/shelf

Staff takes the item to the circulation desk

Staff review the waiver with the patron and outline important FAQs and expectations

Once waiver is signed, staff check out the item to the patron.

Checking In:

Items should be evaluated before being scanned in to ensure that all parts and pieces are present and the item is clean and in good working order.

Once the above is verified, check in the item

[If there are issues, do not check in the item:

- if the item is broken, damaged, etc. then the patron needs to be notified and potentially charged for the replacement cost for the item
- if the item is incomplete, contact the patron to ask that they bring what is missing to the library. They should be told item remains checked out to them until it is complete. Give deadline, then mark lost and charge replacement if non-responsive
- if the item is not clean, decide if you want to just clean it and contact the patron to make them aware of the issue and make note in LEAP, or if you want them to pick it up to clean it and then bring it back??]

Is the item on hold?

Yes: place the item on the hold shelf for the patron

No: The item is going to be re-shelved. Take the item to the drawer/shelf where it goes, as shown on the inventory card. Remove the matching frame (verify barcode) and put the frame back on display in the public area.



Allegany County Library System

LIBRARY OF THINGS LENDING GUIDELINES AND AGREEMENT

Guidelines for Borrowing and Use

- A valid Allegany County Library System card with current address is required to borrow a Thing. Borrowers must be 18 years of age or older.
- Things must be checked out from and returned to the LaVale Library. Things check out for 7 days and the overdue fine rate is \$1.00 per day. Items are not renewable. There is a limit of 2 Things per Borrower.
- The Borrower is solely responsible for objects borrowed through the Library of Things program and will be billed for replacement costs associated with damage or loss of Things due to neglect or abuse.
- A list of the replacement costs of Things is maintained by the Library and the replacement cost associated with a Thing can be provided by a staff member prior to check out upon request.
- As with any Thing, use care when handling. Return the Thing with all parts and components and in clean condition.
- Borrowers must read, understand, and sign this Agreement before they check out a Thing.

Library of Things Lending Agreement

I agree:

- To abide by Allegany County Library System's Library of Things Lending guidelines as stated above.
- To pay an overdue fine if the Thing is returned late
- To pay full repair and/or replacement costs should the Thing or components of the Thing be stolen, lost, not returned, or damaged.
- To return the item clean and in good working order, in the condition in which it was checked out.

In consideration of being permitted to borrow the Thing, I hereby voluntarily waive, release, and discharge and covenant not to sue the Allegany County Library System ("Library"), its respective successors, assigns, officers, agents, employees, and volunteer (hereafter referred to as "Releasees") from any and all claims, actions or demands of any kind, nature and description, including claims or actions for damages for death, personal injury, or property damage and from any and all liabilities, damage, injuries, action or causes of action either at law or in equity, whether caused by any defect in the Thing, negligent act or omission of the Releasees, or otherwise arising out of or in any way related to or connected with my borrowing the Thing.

I have read the entire document and my signature below indicates my agreement with the above statements.

Print Name

Signature

Date

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