



# Library of Things Liability Waiver

## Conditions of Use

I agree to use items from the Library of Things collection, including all tools and materials, as they were designed to be used, including (but not limited to) following any instructions for use provided in the item manufacturer's recommendations, directions, or manual. I agree to be responsible for the continued good condition of the tools or materials while the items are being used by or are checked out to me.

## Assumption of Financial Responsibility

By checking out items from the Library of Things, I agree I will be responsible to pay the cost of replacing any damaged or lost items, whether in part or in full. **The replacement cost of Library of Things items can exceed \$600.**

## Assumption of Risk

I agree that I am voluntarily interacting with items from the Library of Things collection, with full knowledge of the risks that may arise from my use or misuse of such items, including but not limited to bodily injury, property damage, or death. I understand I am responsible for the safety of any age-appropriate audiences, and will ensure any use by minors of items from the Library of Things collection is carefully supervised by an adult.

## Release of Liability

I release the Wright Memorial Public Library and its employees and volunteers from all liability, claims, damage, or demands arising from or related to my interaction with items from the Library of Things collection.

## Patron Information

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ LIBRARY CARD #: \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTH DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**BY SIGNING BELOW, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ THIS WAIVER AND UNDERSTAND THAT IT INCLUDES CONDITIONS OF USE, AN ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, AND A RELEASE OF LIABILITY. UNDERSTANDING AND SIGNING THIS WAIVER IS REQUIRED TO USE ITEMS FROM THE WMPL LIBRARY OF THINGS COLLECTION.**

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SIGNATURE OF BORROWER (must be 8 or older)

**If Borrower is under 18 years old, a Parent/Guardian must sign this waiver on behalf of both the Parent/Guardian and the Borrower.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

## Library of Things

The Wright Memorial Public Library loans a variety of nontraditional materials to allow a hands-on learning experience for patrons. These materials include equipment, kits, tools, devices, and passes with a focus on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) themes and are designed for use under careful adult supervision with age-appropriate audiences.

### a) Eligible Borrowers

- Items from the Library of Things collection are available for current WMPL patrons 8 years of age or older, who have had a library card with a verified address for at least 60 days.
- A signed waiver form (see appendix) is required. A parent or guardian must sign the waiver and take responsibility for a minor patron's use of items from the Library of Things collection.
- Patrons who owe \$10.00 or more in fines or fees are not eligible to borrow items from the Library of Things collection until their library account is again in good standing.

### b) Borrowing Guidelines

- Items from the Library of Things collection are available at the public service desks. Most items may be borrowed for 14 days, with some items having shorter or longer loan periods.
- Borrowing items from the Library of Things collection requires the presence of a valid library card or photo ID and shall be checked out to the individual card holder only. Items from the Library of Things collection may not be loaned to other individuals, including Designated Borrowers.
- The number of items from the Library of Things collection that can be checked out simultaneously is limited due to size of the collection.
- Borrowing patrons are responsible for the item and any of its associated contents during the loan period.
- Some items from the Library of Things collection include supplies or consumables which are intended to be used and kept by the borrowing patron.
- Borrowing patrons shall only use items from the Library of Things collection as they were designed to be used, including (but not limited to) following any instructions for use provided in the item manufacturer's recommendations, directions, or manual.

### c) Return Procedures

- Items from the Library of Things collection must be returned to library employees at a public service desk inside the library. Items from the Library of Things may not be returned in the library book drops.
- Staff will inspect items from Library of Things collection for any damage or missing contents. If damage or loss has occurred, charges will be assessed to the borrowing patron accordingly.
- Any supplies or consumables meant to be used or kept by the borrowing patron shall not be considered missing or lost.

### d) Fines and Liability

- As with all library materials, if any item from the Library of Things collection (including its accessories, such as equipment, parts, or tools) is lost, damaged, or returned late, borrowing patrons shall be responsible for paying the applicable fines or replacement fees. The parent or guardian of a minor patron is responsible for all materials checked out on the minor patron's card.
- The overdue fine for an item from the Library of Things collection is \$1.00 per day (\$10 max).
- Replacement costs for items from the Library of Things collection vary, with some valued in excess of \$600.
- WMPL assumes no liability for an individual's use of an item from the Library of Things collection. Borrowing patron (or if a minor patron, the borrowing patron's parent or guardian) assumes the full risk of use or misuse of an item from the Library of Things collection, including but not limited to injuries such as bodily harm, property damage, or death that are caused by the borrowing patron's use of the item.