

Northville District Library

Policy on the Library of Things

The Northville District Library provides a collection of non-traditional objects of technological equipment and recreational items for the community to check out and to enjoy.

In order to check out items from the Library of Things collection, a person must be 18 years or older, a resident of the City of Northville or Northville Township and possess a Northville District Library card in good standing. All Library of Things items need to be checked out and returned to the Circulation desk. Borrowers are requested not to put these items in any of the Library's return boxes. The Library of Things collection is not eligible for inter-library loan.

Overdue fines will be charged on items from the Library of Things collection. Fines will vary depending upon the type of item and its replacement cost. Fine schedules can be found on the Library of Things homepage on the Library's website. Patrons who have repeated late returns of items from the Library of Things collection may lose their borrowing privileges. Mobile Hotspots will be deactivated after they are five days overdue.

The borrower is solely responsible for the Library of Things item while it is in their possession. All items and any accompanying components are expected to be returned in totality and in good condition. Library staff will inspect Library of Things items upon their return. Borrowers will be billed for reasonable repair and/or replacement costs associated with damage or loss of item and any of its accompanying components. The Northville District Library has sole discretion in making these determinations.

Not all items from the Library of Things collection may be suitable for use by children. It is the responsibility of a child's parent or guardian to determine if their child should be allowed to use the item. Likewise, parents and guardians are expected to supervise their child's use of that specific item while it is in their possession.

Northville District Library staff cannot provide training or expertise in the operation of items from the Library of Things collection. When a borrower checks out an item from this collection, they are certifying they are capable of using it in a safe and appropriate manner.

Borrowers who check out items from the Library of Things collection agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Northville District Library, the Library Board of Trustees, and their employees 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 as a consequence or result of the use of items from the collection.

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