

What is the Library of Things?

- A New Service Model for Libraries Worldwide.
- Matches needs to users - beyond the world of books.
- Can foster a sense of community & community building.
- Expands the offerings of the traditional lending model, but still follows the "Laws."



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Where is it happening?



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- Everywhere!
- Initiative at Sacramento Public Library.
 - Inspired During the 2014 Outside the Lines conference.
 - Sought public input for ideas on items to borrow/lend.
 - Budget = \$4,500.00 total.
- Effort to build on the "sharing economy" experienced by private sector companies like Airbnb.

Why does it matter?

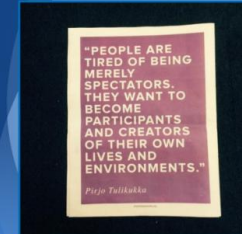


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- Culture shift.
 - Online environment: from passive to active.
 - Economic landscape: from capitalist to (more) collaborative.
- Causes a shift in consumer/patron behavior & expectations.



Problem: How will the Hillsboro Public Library (HPL) expand a very popular, robust, yet non-traditional, Library of Things collection, into a Tool Lending Library (TLL)?

Step One:

Confirm that TLL supports the HPL Mission Statement of lifelong learning.

Step Two:

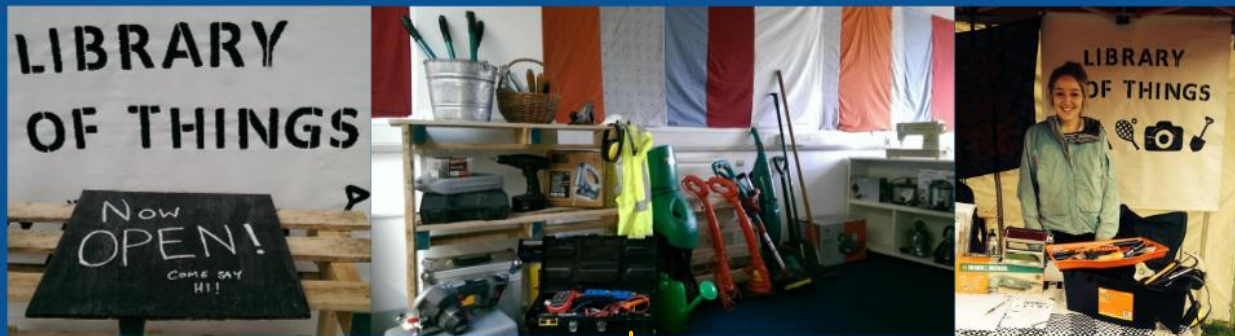
Research existing TLLs – from Lending Guidelines to Usage Waivers.

Can You Imagine?
The average power drill is only used 6 to 13 minutes in its lifetime.

Partnerships with city agencies, local hardware stores, and vocational schools provide invaluable equipment & expertise.

Step Three:

Create extensive contacts list for targeted marketing, social media, and local grants.



Step Four:

Craft a future-oriented Strategic Business Plan to carry TLL to completion.

**The Library of Things Extended:
Launching a Public-Library Affiliated
Tool Lending Library**

