Library of Things Guidelines for Borrowing and Use

All library patrons are required to check out and return Library of Things items to the Main Desk and Children’s Learning Kits to the Children’s Room at the Cary Library in Lexington, MA.

A valid Minuteman Library Network card with no outstanding fines above $10 is required to borrow a Thing. Borrowers of specialty items (see list) must be 18 years old or older, and must sign a copy of the Library of Things Lending Agreement. Patrons of any Minuteman Library can request a Library of Things item, but items must be picked up and returned in Lexington. Ask library staff for assistance placing holds.

LOAN PERIODS AND FINES

In most cases, a Thing may be borrowed for 2 week intervals and renewed up to 2 times unless another borrower is waiting. The overdue fine is $1 per day to a maximum fine of $5.

PROPER USE AND LIABILITY

Use care when handling the Thing. The borrower is solely responsible for the Thing and will be billed for reasonable repair or replacement costs associated with damage or loss of Things and/or peripherals due to neglect or abuse. A list of replacement costs of Things is maintained by the Library and is available upon request.

Cary Library is not responsible for any injury, loss, or damage that may occur from use of a Thing.

The responsibility to protect against loss is the borrower’s. Staff will inspect Things upon return. Borrowers are expected to return the Thing with all parts and components in the original library container to the Main Desk or the Children’s Room of the library. Patrons will be responsible for any damage to a Thing while in their possession.

SPECIALTY ITEMS

Specialty items have a replacement cost over $200. Borrowers of specialty items must be 18 years old or older and have a valid Minuteman Library Network card. Specialty items may include:

- 360 Degree Camera
- Assistive Listening System
- Color Blind Glasses
- Circuit Maker
- Dash & Dot
- GoPro Camera
- Karaoke Machine
- Telescopes
- VHS to DVD Converters