

Boston Free Library's Library of Things Description

The Boston Free Library offers a wide range of items at the library. Back in 2018, the library began circulating yard games including bocce, Kan Jam, corn hole, badminton, volleyball, croquet, Kubb, ladder ball, and Giant Jenga.

Thanks to a generous grant secured by Senator Gallivan, the library has been able to make several updates and additions to the technology available both at the library and to take home. Beginning in February 2020, the library expanded its collection to include items like a metal detector, outdoor projector and screen, karaoke machine, video camera, ukulele, green screen, trail camera, therapy light, digital radon detector, telescope, and a bubble machine. Patrons are also able to check out a record player that will convert vinyl records, cassettes, and CDs to a USB and film converters that can convert film slides, negatives, photos and Super 8 or 8mm film to an SD card. These items are available for people to borrow for a 7-day loan period with a valid Buffalo and Erie County Public Library adult library card. Items must be picked up and returned at the Boston Free Library.

Also purchased with grant funds, the Boston Free Library has a 3D printer available for public use, charging \$0.05 per gram for finished projects. A Cricut Maker Machine is available for public use as well. Basic cardstock is provided, but additional required materials must be supplied by patrons for specific projects.

SO MUCH MORE THAN BOOKS ... Library of Things

Maker Space

- 3D Printer, Lulzbot Taz 6
- Cricket Maker Machine

Digital Conversion Devices

- Super 8 and 8mm film
- Film Slides, Negatives and Photos
- Vinyl Records, Cassette Tapes and CDs
- VHS and VHS-C

Yard Games

- Kan Jam
- Bocce
- Corn Hole
- Badminton
- Volleyball
- Croquet
- Kubb
- Giant Jenga
- Ladder Ball

- Metal Detector
- Outdoor Projector and Screen
- Karaoke Machine
- Video Camera
- Ukulele
- Green Screen
- Trail Camera
- Therapy Light
- Digital Radon Detector
- Telescope
- Bubble Machine

Library of Things Procedures

All items are labeled with the Library's name and address, the item's ID and barcode as well as a list of the contents and procedures for checking out and returning items.

Cases and plastic containers were purchased for items that did not arrive with their own carrying cases.

When items are checked out and returned, the contents are checked against the list to make sure all pieces are included and in good condition.

All items also have directions included for use and some devices have supplement tips for use compiled by the staff.