

# *Library of Things* Borrowing Policy

## Erving Public Library

The *Library of Things* (LoT) collection at the Erving Public Library (EPL) provides patrons with access to alternative borrowing materials which increase their skills with technology, trades, new media types, home improvement, gardening, advanced crafting, and more.

When borrowing this equipment, patrons must comply with the following borrowing policy and use practices:

- The borrower must be 18 years of age or older with a current photo ID and a CW Mars borrower card in good standing with no lost or billed items.
- The borrower takes full responsibility for:
  - Any replacement costs for broken or lost items. The library maintains a list of items and replacement costs. It is available printed and online [enter URL].
  - Reading the instructions for any item borrowed.
  - Following all safety precautions required for the item.
  - Treating all items with respect.
  - Returning all items in the same condition as when it was borrowed.
  - Removing any personal information when finished with an item.
- The library is not responsible for:
  - Extensive training on how to use items.
  - Guaranteeing the functionality of an item or that the item will work for the application that the patron borrows it for.
  - Any injury caused by a borrowed item.
  - Failure to comply with the policy may result in loss of LoT borrowing privileges for six months or permanently. For example, repeated or significantly late items may result in loss of LoT borrowing for six months and continued late returns could result in loss of LoT privileges.

The library reserves the right to discontinue any of the LoT items or services at any time for any reason. For more information, contact a librarian: [library@erving-ma.gov](mailto:library@erving-ma.gov), (413) 423-3348. This policy was approved by the Board of Library Trustees in 2023.