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LIBRARY OF THINGS
The What, Why, and How of Lending Objects

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HISTORY

2018: Launch with 2 kits

2020: Add Record Player

Present: Expand with dedicated Innovation Line
ITEMS

- LEGO SETS
- PERCUSSION SETS
- LEAP INTO DIRT KITS
- ELECTRICITY MONITOR
- CHROMEBOOKS
- STOP MOTION ANIMATION KIT
- RECORD PLAYERS
- TONIEBOXES
- GOPRO HERO 8
- PROJECTOR & SCREEN
- MUSEUM PASSES
- PARK PASSES

Photos by Dania Soud
FIRST STEPS

• Coordination from every department

• Research libraries, museums, LoT groups, publications, etc.

• Diverse selection
  • Items
  • Assembled kits
SELECTING ITEMS

• Start small and build up
• What can supplement a popular collection?
• What do do people want to try?
• Search new items (ads on social media)
• Look and try to buy locally
BUDGETING

- Cost of item
- Cost of containers
- Cost of packaging
- Maintenance
- Replacements
- Staff time
CREATE MARC RECORD

• Provide detailed product information
• Enticing description of the item
• Break down of how item is packaged
• Cost of item
• LoT shelf location & collection code
• Variety of subject terms
DISCOVERABILITY

1. MARC RECORD
2. PACKAGING
3. LABELING
4. DISPLAY
5. MARKETING
WAIVER

- Standard or personalized by item
- Rules for who can use LoT
- Price breakdown by item
- Rules for damaged, missing items
- Include copy of waiver in kit

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Signature: ___________________________ Date: _______________________

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2. 32GB SD Card: $7.00  7. Smatree Hard Case: $27.99
4. Mount: $15.00  9. Tripod: $57.00
5. 2 Rechargeable Batteries: $38.00 ($19.00 each)

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Before selecting an item, brainstorm how you will assess its success?

- Circulation numbers
- Patron feedback
- Ease of use
- Cost of maintenance
- Time to prepare between returns
EXPANSION

- Create schedule
- Assign specific tasks to staff
- Get duplicates
- Listen to patron requests
- Create designated space
- Help librarians in your system start a LoT Toniebox with characters, photo by Dania Souid
Thank you!

Please reach out with any questions!

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Building a children’s library of things collection

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At the end of this presentation...

You’ll be able to describe reasons for incorporating children’s materials in the library of things.

You’ll be able to identify sources of inspiration for your collection.

You’ll be able to apply category, practicality, and priorities to the selection of children’s LoT materials.
My background with Library of Things

Ann Arbor District Library, MI

Tigard Public Library, OR

Photos by Lindsay Delaney
Why include children’s materials in the library of things?

Kids deserve materials that are relevant to their interests and designed to be accessible to them.

A children’s LoT served Tigard library’s vision & mission.

LoT are immensely fun and popular.

Lovevery Hide & Find Drop Box

Photo by Lindsay Delaney
Scoping the collection

- Children’s Books
- Audiobooks
- Videogames
- Playaways
- Puppets

- Party rentals
- Medical equipment rentals
- Swap events
- Buy Nothing groups
Budgeting: From special project to regular collection

- **Cost**
  - Items
  - Packaging

- **Staff Time**
  - Ordering
  - Processing
  - Cataloging

- **Space**
  - In-Process items
Selection

Categories

Priorities

Practicality
Practicality

Minerals and Fossils Acrylic Block

Priorities

Marisol McDonald Doesn’t Match Storytelling Kit

Photos from Nature Watch & Lakeshore Learning
### Selection: Categories

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Exercise

1. Lotería: Cuerpo Humano

2. Blipblox Toy Synthesizer

3. Green Toys Fire Truck

Categories
Early literacy activities, board games, construction activities, robots, scientific models, toys, musical instruments

Practicality
Self-contained, robust, not date-specific

Priorities
multilingual, accessible design, inclusive, environmentally friendly
Where to shop?

Educational retailers
ex. Lakeshore Learning, Nature Watch

Large online retailers

Local toy, music, and board game stores
ex. Versus Board Games, Tigard Music, Piccolo Mondo Toys

Speciality sellers
ex. Lelu

Book vendors
Preparing the items for circulation

Cataloged
- local pick-up
- bilingual descriptions & access points
- photos

Transparent or original packaging

Label with barcode, RFID tag, item name, and contents

Components labeled with library initials

Alex Active Yoga Activity Blocks

Cubelets Discovery Set

Photos by Lindsay Delaney
Selecting items: wins!

Dinosaur fossils and skull replicas!
Connecting to curriculum - ozobots
Storytelling kits

Kits containing Eric Carle books and Magna-Tiles® Structures

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Selecting items: fails & lessons

Globes
Packaged in opaque bags
Items that can be seen are more appealing

Breaking robots
Some models just didn’t last
Not every item is robust for long-term circulation

Rechargeable batteries
Added to items requiring batteries
What’s practical depends on the time you have to dedicate to collection maintenance
Sustaining: Collection Maintenance

Selector
- Item Repair
- Selecting replacements

Technical Services
- Packaging Repair
- Updating Record
Displaying and Marketing

The collection is shelved by the entrance to the children’s room

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