A Library of Things

Promote lifelong learning and growth through experience

Help create better informed consumers

 Provide the physical tools to assist people in developing a new skills and hobbies

Allow patrons the opportunity to try, experiment, and create



How we got started



Checking 'things' out: Library offers bakeware and gadgets to accompany those how-to books



The Collection Today

Available for Checkout



- 430 Things 17,342 checkouts
- 350 board games 14,844 checkouts



Cataloging and Processing







Circulation, maintenance, & upkeep

- Items are both holdable and renewable
- 7 day checkout, with \$1/day late fees
- \$5 fee for kitchenware and bakeware returned dirty
- Things must be checked out and returned at their owning branch
- Returns at the front desk only

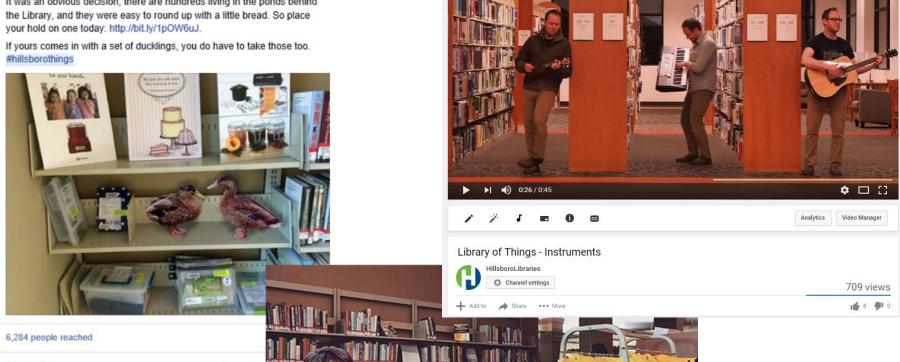




Promoting the collection



New to the Library of Things this Spring, patrons can now take home ducks. It was an obvious decision; there are hundreds living in the ponds behind







21 Comments



Things to consider



- Cost and staff time spent on acquisition and processing
- Space for the collection and the holds
- How will circulation staff handle the Things
- Who is responsible for maintaining the collection
- Volunteer help



Get in touch

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