LIBRARY OF THINGS
LENDING POLICY

- Materials may be borrowed by any Ridgewood or BCCLS cardholder in good standing (no excessive fines or long overdue items, card not expired).
  - Some items are for Ridgewood Library cardholders only. Please check current records for up to date information.

- They may be borrowed for 2 weeks (14 days.)

- They are not renewable.

- **These materials are checked out at the Ridgewood Library Reference Desk & must be returned in person to the same desk.** They may not be returned to another library or in the Ridgewood Library outside book drop.
  - A $1.00 fine will be charged if a kit/item is returned in the book drop.
  - A $10.00 fine will be charged if a kit/item is returned to another library.

- **Certain items are limited to one per family, per 30 days at a time (e.g. Hotspots).**
  - During peak seasons, items may be restricted to 45 days between requests.

- Overdue fines are $1.00 per day up to a maximum of $10.00.
  - Hotspots are $2.00 per day up to a maximum of $20.00.

- **Library of Things materials must be returned complete and packed as they were received.**
  - Borrowers should review kits/items before returning them to ensure that all pieces, components, and instructions are included.

- Staff will check kits/items upon return. Should there be any missing or damaged parts, a replacement charge will be added to the borrower’s card.
  - The charge is $1.00 per replaced part, if the library is able to easily replace each part.
  - If parts from Library of Things materials cannot be easily replaced and the kit/item is no longer usable, the full replacement cost of the kit/item will be charged to the borrower’s library account.

- Lost, damaged or unusable Library of Things materials can only be replaced through payment of the full replacement cost by the borrower. **The library cannot accept replacement kits/items in lieu of payment.**

**Note:** This is a lending program ONLY. Library staff is not available for instruction in the use of Library of Things materials. Detailed instructions are provided with each item or can be found online.

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