



Library of Things

Partnering with libraries to lend non-traditional items.



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Vermont's Libraries

-  185 libraries (all different)
-  One Department of Libraries (VTLib)
-  Three state associations (VLA, VSLA, VCAL)



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**At least 44% of
Vermont's
libraries have
Library of Things
items.**



Better-known examples

-  Daycare kits
-  Puzzles & board games
-  Ukuleles
-  Laptops, e-readers and mobile hotspots



Partnerships



Statewide



- ➔ Moisture meters (Dept. of Libraries w/ Dept. of Environmental Conservation)
- ➔ USB studio-quality microphones (Dept. of Libraries w/ Big Heavy World & Fletcher Free Library)



Snowshoes

Partnerships with Conservation
Commissions, VT Department of
Health, or RiseVT

One third of Vermont's libraries
lend snowshoes.



Telescopes

Partnership with VT
Astronomical Society

Carpenter-Carse Library
Hinesburg

(and others)





Havaheart Trap
Loan Period: 8 days
[\[Details/Borrow\]](#)



Leaf Blower
Loan Period: Between 1 and
8 days
[\[Details/Borrow\]](#)

Field to Fork tool cottage

Partnership with
Vermont Foodbank

Brooks Memorial Library
Brattleboro

(and others, similar)



TUNBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Through in person and online discussion, the library has come to a better understanding of how to build upon our after school program and best serve our community. Highlights from the discussions are featured below:



Simple.

Our time after school doesn't have to be extravagant. Favorite after school memories from our past are filled with PBJ's, unstructured play, hanging with grandparents, and riding bikes. Times have changed in so many ways, but this common thread remains the same.

WITH THE HELP OF A LIBRARIES
TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES GRANT
FROM THE AMERICAN LIBRARY
ASSOCIATION WE ARE PURCHASING 8
BIKES OF VARIOUS SIZES AND MANY
HELMETS!

90% of responses mentioned
physical activity in their surveys

Bicycles

Partnership with American
Library Association via *Libraries
Transforming Communities* grant
program

Tunbridge Public Library

(and others)



Trek Verve +2

Size Small, Step Through



Standard commuter-style e-bike. Fits height

e-bikes

Partnership with Vermont
Council on Rural Development
via a Climate Catalysts
Innovation Fund Grant

Isley Public Library
Middlebury

(and others)



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... the sharing economy ...



Tuckec Folding Kayak- The library has four folding kayaks available for a checkout (ages 18 and over), thanks to a grant from Concept 2, and support from Tucktec. Before checking the kayak out, please read the instructions.

1. Learn how to put the kayak together. [Watch the video on their website.](#)

2. Sign the waiver at the library circulation desk before checking the kayak out.

Life jackets and PFDs are also available for checkout.

Folding kayak

Partnership with Tucktec via a grant from Concept2

Craftsbury Public Library
Craftsbury





Disc Golf

Partnership with the school and
the Rec Department

Dorothy Alling Memorial Library
Williston

(and others)



Concerns

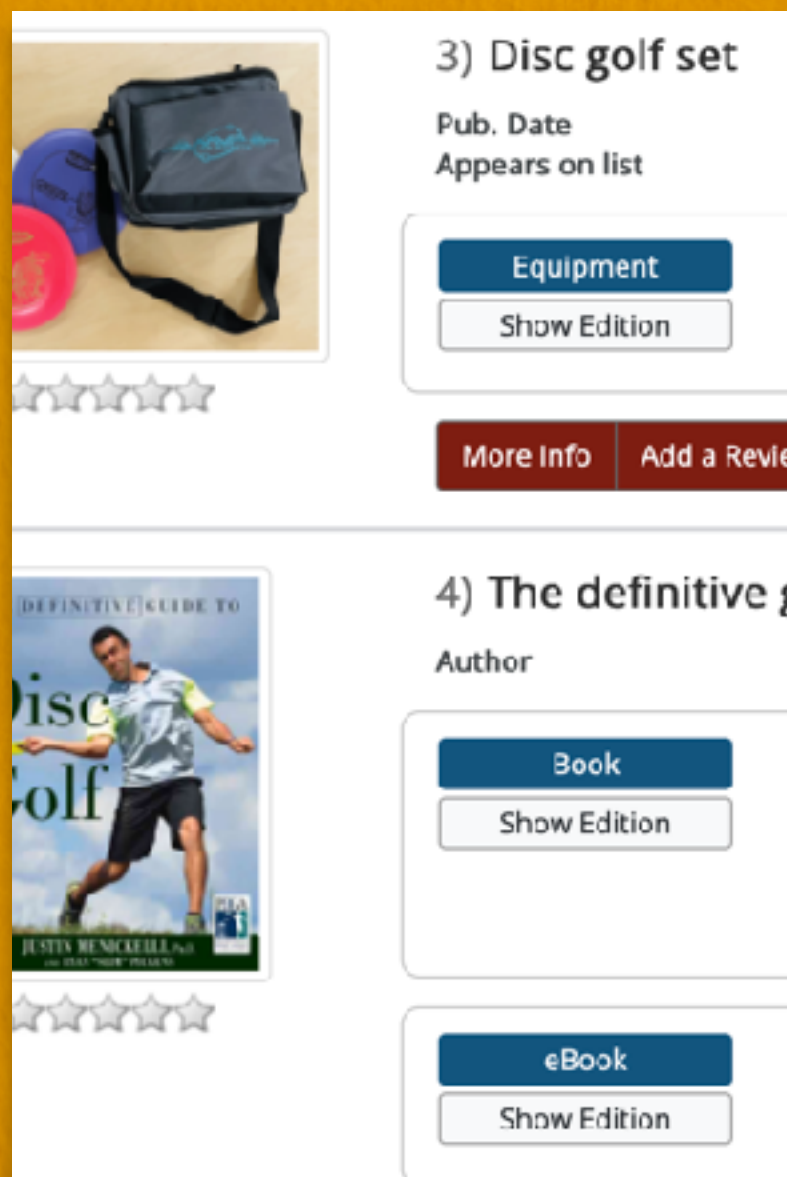


Partner concerns



- ➔ "Who promotes this?"
- ➔ "Will library restrictions (geographic, lending, privacy, hours) work with our goals?"
- ➔ "Trial or permanent?"
- ➔ "What does the library bring to the table? What do we?"

Library concerns



→ Liability (\$\$ and injury)




→ "Who maintains this?"

→ "Where do we store this?"

→ "Who promotes this?"

→ "Does this align with our collection development policies?"

Benefits for all

-  Economies of scale
-  Combining potentially disparate communities
-  CIVICS!!



Thank you. Questions?



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Borrow the unexpected!

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