

Library of Things Use Policy and Lending Guidelines

San Luis Obispo County Public Library provides patrons with the opportunity to use its Library of Things (LOT). Adult LOT are for adult patrons 18 years or older. All patron use of LOT, is entirely optional and voluntary and is for purposes of recreation, education, and/or self-improvement.

**Return these items to a staff person at a SLO County Library Branch only.
Do not return in the Book Drop.**

By checking out and taking possession of any item in the LOT, the patron agrees to this policy, as follows:

- The Library's Library of Things (LOT) equipment may be used only for lawful purposes. Patrons are prohibited from using the equipment to create material that is:
 - a) Prohibited by local, state or federal law.
 - b) Unsafe, harmful, dangerous or poses an immediate threat to the well-being of self or others (such use may violate the terms of use of the manufacturer).
 - c) Obscene.
 - d) In violation of another's intellectual property rights. For example, the equipment may not be used to reproduce material that is subject to copyright, patent, or trademark protection.
- Patrons will not modify the LOT hardware or software (except open source), or install malware onto the equipment.
- The Library is not responsible for any damage to a patron's personal materials or files, or for any manufacturing defects.
- Any work saved on Library equipment will be deleted and cannot be recovered. Patrons must save their files on an external storage device.
- The Library is not responsible for any injuries and/or other losses caused by use of LOT equipment.
- The Library reserves the right to deny access to LOT if a patron violates any part of the LOT Policy, Library Rules of Conduct, or misuses the equipment as determined by the Library staff.
- Adult users of LOT are responsible to pay charges or fees for damage or loss, which may be valued and billed to the Adult User's County of SLO Public Libraries account.
- By checking out and taking possession of any item in the LOT, the patron is certifying that s/he is capable of using that item in a safe and proper manner.
- By checking out and taking possession of any item in the LOT, patron voluntarily covenants not to sue the County of SLO Public Libraries, its respective successors, assigns, officers, agent, employees, and volunteers, and patron waives, releases, and discharges the County of SLO Public Libraries from and against all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, loss, costs, and expenses arising out of or in any way related to or connected with borrowing and using LOT equipment, except such loss or damage which was caused by sole negligence or willful misconduct of the County of SLO Public Libraries.