



Library of Things Lending Policy & User Agreement

The Edgartown Public Library lends Library of Things Items (“LoT Item(s)”) to CLAMS library card holders ages 18 and older with a library card in good standing (i.e., the patron’s library card is not blocked due to unpaid bills or lost material). Only one of each unique LoT Item is allowed per household at a time. The lending period is two (2) weeks. LoT Items may not be reserved or renewed, however, some items may be held at the circulation desk for one hour at the discretion of the Library staff. The Library reserves the right to refuse service to patrons who abuse equipment/items or who are repeatedly late in returning LoT Items. The Library is not responsible for any liability, damage, or expense resulting from use or misuse of LoT Items. This includes connection of digital LoT Items such as, but not limited to, Chromebooks, Hotspots, Nintendo Switches, or DVD/Blu-ray players to other electronic devices, or data loss resulting from use of said digital LoT Items.

Once an LoT Item is checked out to a patron, it becomes the responsibility of that patron. Any changes in condition or content while in the patron’s care will be the patron’s responsibility. The patron is responsible for damage, loss, or theft. Patrons should have a basic working knowledge of the LoT Item upon checkout, which library staff can provide. If any technical problems are encountered, patrons should contact the library and return the LoT Item immediately. All items must be returned clean and complete, and with all accessories.

Initial the following to acknowledge:

___ The LoT Item should be returned during the library’s open hours. The LoT Item should *never* be returned to another library or returned in the book drop. The LoT Item will be examined to ensure it has not been tampered with. If damage to the LoT Item is discovered by library staff, the full cost of replacement will be added to the patron’s account. Replacement cost of the LoT Item will be the current market price.

___ The full replacement cost will be added to the patron’s account for LoT Items that are more than 30 days overdue. Damaged LoT Items or parts will be charged at the full replacement cost. Patrons are responsible for full replacement cost if the LoT Items are lost, stolen, damaged, or otherwise not returned. If the borrower fails to pay the full replacement cost for lost LoT Items, their library card will be blocked.

___ When a patron returns the LoT Item, they must wait twenty-four (24) hours before attempting to check the same type of LoT Item out again.

___ The Library reserves the right to refuse service to patrons who abuse equipment or who are repeatedly late in returning LoT Items.

___ Multiple late returns of any LoT Item may result in being banned from borrowing all LoT Items, which will be indicated on the patron's record.

___ By initialing here, I hereby release from liability and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Edgartown Public Library and/or the Town of Edgartown and any of its employees for any liability in connection with the use or possession of LoT Items. This release is for any and all liability for personal injuries and property losses or damage in connection with the possession or use of LoT Items.

For Hotspot Use Only:

___ This device should not be used outside of the continental United States. If the device is used outside of the continental US, it is subject to a \$500 roaming charge which the patron will be responsible for, and the patron will also be permanently banned from borrowing all devices.

___ Borrowers will adhere to the library's Technology & Computer Use Policy when using the mobile hotspot.

___ On the day after the due date, the mobile hotspot will be remotely disabled, making it unusable.

By checking out an LoT Item and signing below, I:

(1) Understand, accept and agree to this policy.

(2) Will return the equipment to the Edgartown Public Library in good working condition and free from damage on or before its due date.

Refer all questions regarding this policy to the Edgartown Public Library at 508-627-4221.

Printed Name

Date

Signature

Adopted on August 14, 2025 by the Edgartown Library Board of Trustees