Library of Things Collection Policy

The Library of Things is a collection of non-traditional items that complement the Custer County Library's mission of providing resources and services in a welcoming environment to support a diverse community of life-long learners. Patrons who borrow a "Thing" agree to abide by the lending guidelines below.

Scope of Collection

The purpose of the Library of Things is to provide diverse opportunities for learning and engagement. The Library of Things is not intended to be comprehensive, as the library is limited by a finite amount of funds and storage space for these items.

Selection of Materials

The library staff will select materials for the Library of Things based on the needs and interests of library patrons. The library welcomes input from the community concerning the collection. All suggestions for purchase are evaluated using the same selections criteria in our Collection Development Policy.

Not all library materials may be suitable for all members of the community. Responsibility for a child's use of library materials, regardless of format or content, lies with the parent or guardian, not with the library. Not all Things may be checked out on children's cards.

Due to the nature of the items contained in the Library of Things, these items will not be shared via courier with the other libraries in the Black Hills Consortium or through Interlibrary Loans. The library reserves the right to remove any item from the collection, either temporarily or permanently.

Library of Things Guidelines for Borrowing and Use

A valid Custer County Library card in good standing is required to borrow a Thing. All library patrons are required to check out and return Library of Things items to the Circulation Desk. *The Book Drop should not be used to return Things.*

Loan Periods and Fees

In most cases, a Thing may be borrowed for 3-week intervals, with no renewals. If there are no holds, library staff have the discretion to checkout a Thing for an additional checkout period. Some special items will be lent for shorter periods of time, with no renewals. The library reserves the right to change borrowing periods for any Thing at any time.

Proper Use and Liability
Please use care when handling the Thing you have borrowed.

The borrower is solely responsible for the Thing and will be billed for repair or replacement costs associated with damage to or loss of Things. A list of replacement costs of Things is maintained by the library and is available upon request.

The Custer County Library, Custer County, and any respective successors, employees, or volunteers are not responsible for any injury, loss, or damage that may occur from use of a Thing. The responsibility to protect against loss is the borrowers.

Staff will inspect Things upon return. Borrowers are expected to return the Thing with all parts and components in the original condition and in the original container to the circulation desk. Patrons will be financially responsible for any damage to a Thing while in their possession.

Library of Things Loan Agreement

My signature below indicates that I have read the following statement and that I agree to abide by these conditions of use when checking out material from the Library of Things Collection.

☐ I have read and agree to Custer County Library's "Library of Things Collection Policy."

☐ I accept full responsibility for any material, and I agree to pay all costs (including full replacement cost) associated with damage to, loss of, or theft of the material and accessories while it is checked out to me.

☐ I agree to the loan period set for the Thing borrowed, and I agree to return the Thing to a staff member inside the Library (not in the book drop).

☐ I do not hold the Custer County Library, Custer County, or any respective successors, employees, or volunteers responsible for any injury, loss, or damage arising out of or in any way related to or connected with my borrowing the Thing.

Patron Information:

Name (print) _____

Signature_____

Library Card Number: _____

Date_____