Library of Things

Public libraries around the world have joined the "Library of Things" movement, offering a plethora of nontraditional items for checkout such as sewing machines, board games, musical instruments, carpentry tools and camping equipment.

"A library of things bolsters the entrepreneurial spirit and strengthens the bonds that form a community."

– Adam Winger, North Logan City Library | North Logan, Utah

Here's a look at some of the nontraditional items public libraries in the U.S. offer for checkout:



- 1 Computer Tablets
 Portola Valley Library | Portola Valley, California
- 2 Musical Instruments
 Hillsboro Public Library | Hillsboro, Oregon
- Paddleboards
 North Logan City Library | North Logan, Utah
- 4 Camping Equipment
 Brazoria County Library System | West Columbia, Texas
- 5 WiFi Hotspots Newton Public Library | Newton, Kansas
- 6 Seeds
 Cedar Falls Public Library | Cedar Falls, Iowa
- 7 Telescope
 Park Ridge Public Library | Park Ridge, Illinois

- 8 Therapeutic Toys for Special Needs Children Bloomfield Township Public Library | Bloomfield Township, Michigan
- 9 Roku Digital Streaming Players Avon Lake Public Library | Avon Lake, Ohio
- 10 Bicycles
 Winter Park Public Library | Winter Park, Florida
- 11 Puppets
 Northland Public Library | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- 12 Board Games
 Glen Rock Public Library | Glen Rock, New Jersey
- (13) Cake Pans
 Bethel Public Library | Bethel, Connecticut
- Museum Passes
 Watertown Free Public Library | Watertown, Massachusetts