Library of Things Program Summary:

The Library of Things features gadgets, tools, and games. It promotes lifelong learning, personal growth, and entertainment. We thank the Chris Mann Fund, Friends of the Peterborough Library, Belletetes, and the Kiwanis Club for their generous support of this collection.

As with all library materials, Patrons are responsible for the items and will be billed for reasonable replacement costs if they are damaged or lost due to neglect or abuse, as outlined herein. A list of replacement costs is provided in the Replacement Cost Chart on page 4.

Library of Things Borrower Agreement

The Library of Things offers a collection of unconventional materials. Items may be borrowed in accordance with the terms specified in this Agreement and the Patron Safety and Responsibility Certification.

General Guidelines

- You must be at least 18 years old to check out items from the Library of Things. Library staff will verify that the borrower is at least 18 years old before any item may be checked out.
- Patrons may not allow minors to use items intended for adult use, including tools, electronics, or equipment that requires safety precautions.
- Patrons must have and maintain a valid library card with the Peterborough Town Library to borrow any items from the Library of Things collection.
- Patron may borrow the item for one week (7 days). Patrons may opt to renew their request to borrow the item, provided there is no waiting list for said item.
- The Peterborough Town Library reserves the right to refuse checkout of any item for any reason, including but not limited to safety concerns, Patron borrowing history, or item condition. The Peterborough Town Library may also limit the number of items that can be borrowed at a time.
- Failure to comply with any of the rules and guidelines will result in the loss of the privilege of borrowing items from the Peterborough Town Library's Library of Things collection.
- Items may not be used for commercial, professional, or revenue-generating purposes.

Use, Safety, and Risk

- Use of Peterborough Town Library item(s) is at the sole risk of the Patron.
- Library staff cannot provide instruction, training, or advice regarding the use of any item. The Patron is solely responsible for determining whether the item is appropriate for their intended use and for operating it safely. By borrowing an item, the Patron accepts all risks associated with its use, including the risk of injury to themselves or others. The Patron is responsible for ensuring that items are used only in safe and appropriate environments.
- Patron is responsible for reading and following the instruction manual for the item's proper use and care. By taking possession of any item, the Patron is certifying that they are capable of using that item in a safe and proper manner.
- The Patron agrees that if any borrowed tool or piece of equipment becomes unsafe or is in disrepair, they must immediately stop using the tool or equipment and notify the Library of the issue upon return.
- Only the individual who checks out the item is permitted to use the item. The Patron may not lend, share, or otherwise allow any other person to use the item. The Borrower accepts full responsibility for any use, misuse, damage, or injury that occurs while the item is checked out, regardless of who actually uses it.

Returns

- Items must be returned to the Help Desk during regular library business hours. Items cannot be placed in a book drop.
- Items not returned within seven (7) days after the due date may be considered lost, and the patron will be charged the full replacement cost.
- Patron shall allow sufficient time for the item to be checked in by a staff member. All contents of the item package must be present for the item to be considered returned.
- All tools and equipment are to be returned in the same condition as they were issued, barring normal wear and tear. All equipment must be returned clean.
- All components, accessories, manuals, and packaging must be returned. Missing components will be billed at replacement cost.

Item Condition, Damage, and Loss

- The condition of each item will be assessed by Library staff at the time of checkout and again upon return. The Library's assessment of an item's condition, including cleanliness, completeness, and functionality, will be final and used to determine any applicable replacement or damage fees.
- Patron shall accept full financial liability for the item and accessories while in their possession and shall be required to pay all costs up to the designated amounts (see Replacement Cost Chart) for damage to, loss of, or theft of the item during the period the item is checked out.
- The item and all accessories must be returned including cords, manuals, cases, covers, and charging items. The cost of replacing smaller accessories to an item will be determined by library staff. The Patron may be charged up to the full price of the item depending on availability of replacing a lost accessory.

Patron Safety and Responsibility Certification

The undersigned Patron affirms that the borrowed item(s) will be used safely and responsibly, following all instructions, warnings, and legal requirements.

The undersigned Patron hereby releases, waives, discharges, and agrees not to sue the Town of Peterborough and its officials, officers, agents, employees, or affiliates (referred to as RELEASEES) from any claims, liabilities, or damages, whether related to loss, harm, or injury, that may arise from borrowing items or resulting from any act or omission by the RELEASEES. This includes, but is not limited to, claims of negligence, recklessness, or other fault-based or strict liability conduct.

The undersigned Patron agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Town of Peterborough, including its officials, officers, agents, employees, or affiliates, from any loss, liability, damage, or costs that may result from or relate to the use of the borrowed item(s).

I, the Patron, confirm that I have read and completely understand the Library of Things Borrower's Agreement and Policy of the Peterborough Town Library.

Patron Name (Print): _____ Signature: _____

Patron Phone Number: _____

Date: _____

Staff use only:

Library Card: _____

Staff Initials: _____