



**The Hyde Park Library District
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Thing Library Policy

Hyde Park Library's Thing Library is a collection of nontraditional library items that patrons may borrow. The "things" will include such items as telescoping hiking sticks, a compass, binoculars, microphones and stands, video cameras, digital cameras, and more.

Guidelines for Borrowing and Returning

- Items in the Thing Library may be borrowed for a seven-day loan period (unless otherwise stated) to a borrower who is 18 years of age or older.
- Items in the Thing Library are only available to borrowers with a current Hyde Park Library card in good standing. These items are not available to be checked out to cardholders from other Mid-Hudson Library system libraries.
- Items must be checked out and checked back in with a staff member at the Circulation Desk, not placed in the book drop, and may only be renewed if no other patron is waiting to use the Thing Library item.

Proper Use and Return of Items in the Thing Library

- The borrower will review any included manuals, training videos, or guides for proper care and use of the item or items borrowed.
- The item and accompanying parts must be clean and in good condition upon return.

Fines and Liability

- The borrower will be billed the listed cost if the item is not returned to the Circulation Desk within the loan period. However, the bill will be removed as soon as the item is returned in the condition in which it was borrowed.
- If any items are damaged, stolen, or lost, the borrower will be charged the listed cost to replace them.

Check Parts/Instructions

- Library staff and the borrower will check together that all parts and instructions are present before check-out and upon return of the item.
- Both library staff and the borrower will sign the Thing Library Equipment Loan form at check-in and check-out.