

Module 3: Library of Things

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**Patrick County High School Library & Media Center
Library of Things**

Nintendo Switch Lite System

- 2 Nintendo Switch Lite Handheld Gaming Systems
- Students in Grades 8-12
- I selected the gaming systems to be included in my library because many students in the community do not have access to new gaming systems due to the low income in the area. This will provide an opportunity to the students that otherwise may not be affordable.

Nintendo Switch Games

- 50 Nintendo Switch games on a variety of topics, interest, and levels of difficulty
Examples: Nintendo Switch Sports 2022, Triangle Strategy 2022, Pac-Man Museum Plus 2022
- Students in Grades 8-12
- I selected the Nintendo Switch Games to be included in my library because many students in the community may have access to a Nintendo Switch Gaming System, but not the means to purchase the newest games. Having Switch games in the library for checkout will give students the opportunity to try the newest games without the financial burden.

I'd Hike That

- 2 sets of hiking sticks, compass, 2 backpacks, 2 reusable water bottles, basic first aid kit, 2 flashlights, whistle, maps of local parks, parkway, and hiking trails within Patrick County
- Students in Grades 8-12
- This collection would be helpful to students interested in hiking the many trails surrounding Patrick County, Virginia. These students may not be familiar with this opportunity otherwise. Also, students may not have the items needed for a hike available to them due to cost and financial hardships that can occur within a low-income community.

Camping is Good

- Two-man tent, two sleeping bags, double sleep pad, basic first aid kit, 2 headlamps, 2 flashlights, firestarter, compass, 2 reusable water bottles
- Students in Grades 8-12
- Patrick County is surrounded by the Blue Ridge Mountains that includes many parks, trails, and campgrounds. Many students may not have access to the supplies needed for camping due to the area's low income. This kit will provide camping opportunities to students who may otherwise have not been able to enjoy this experience.

Let's Go Fishing

- 2 standard spin-cast reels, tacklebox supplied with hooks, sinkers, bobbers, and artificial bait.
- Students in Grades 8-12
- Due to the accessibility to many rivers, creeks, ponds, and the close location to Philpott Lake in Patrick County, students can enjoy fishing. Many may not have access to the supplies needed for fishing due to the area's low income.

Photography Fun

- 4 cameras which include DSLR and Compact, camera bags, tripods, graduated filters, extension tubes, and flash units with reflectors and diffusers
- Students in Grades 8-12
- Good quality cameras can be quite expensive along with the accessories that work with them. Many students may not have the opportunity to purchase these items due to low income limitations. This kit will offer students the opportunity without the expense and dedication.

Home Repair

- Claw hammer, pliers, wire cutter, multi-head screwdrivers, adjustable wrench, saw, glasses repair kit, scissors, utility knife, cordless drill, staple gun, nails (various sizes), screws (various sizes), nuts and bolts, anchors, screw eyes, hooks, ruler, tape measure, level, stud finder, protective glasses, work gloves, sandpaper, carpenter's glue, super glue, Various types of tape, and spackle
- Students and teachers in Grades 8-12
- These general tools and items have multiple uses and will help students, teachers, and their families with multiple home repairs and quick fixes without the expense or inconvenience of purchasing them. In addition, this kit may offer students the opportunity to explore this trade. This will benefit all students, but especially those interested in home repair or those on a low-income budget.

Formal & Semi- Formal Wear

- A collection of formal and semi-formal clothing for males and females in various sizes, designs, and colors.
- Students in Grades 8-12
- Each school year there are many students who cannot attend prom or homecoming events due to the expensive cost of semi-formal and formal clothing. This collection will offer students that can't afford the special clothing an opportunity they wouldn't have otherwise been able to afford or enjoy.

Mind/Body Wellness

- Muse brain-sensing headband, sensory gel maze, Happy Light, Bubble fidget poppers, sound therapy machine, weighted blanket, diffuser, essential oil sample starter set
- Students in Grades 8-12 & Teachers
- This kit contains technology to help students and teachers find focus, renew energy, or experience calm. Many students struggle with mental health concerns including stress and anxiety related to school, testing, or even Covid-19. These kits can be a supplement to other services and resources offered by the school and continue the important conversation of how to support health and wellness.

A Seedling We Will Go

- A collection of fruit and vegetable seeds that grow and thrive in the lands of Patrick County and a garden tiller
- Students in Grades 8-12
- A collection of seeds for students and their families to grow at home. Growing your own food improves your health, combats stress, and makes one more likely to eat the fresh produce if they grew it themselves. In addition, this offers students the opportunity to explore the field of horticulture while benefiting the Earth, themselves, and others. Due to financial restrictions for some this opportunity would not be available otherwise.

Library of Things Reflection

A Library of Things is a collection of items for loan that goes beyond the boundaries of traditionally defined library materials such as books, DVDs, and audiobooks. It is essentially a rental company driven by social and environmental concerns.

My library of things supports the sharing economy and sustainability efforts that everyone should be more mindful of these days. Sharing items means less waste in the long run. This is a passion of mine that I would love to incorporate into my own school library.

In reviewing the Environmental Scan, I completed on the community of Patrick County earlier this semester, I learned that the percentage of people living in poverty was 14.2% with a report of 69.1% of students at Patrick County High School eligible for free and reduced lunch. Due to the overall economics of Patrick County at this time all students receive free breakfast, lunch, and snack daily. I took this into consideration as I chose the focuses of my Library of Things. Most every kit would in some way relieve some or all of the financial burden on the student and their family.

School is stressful for many students as well as the demand for passing the Standards of Learning test. I tried to incorporate enjoyable activities in my library of things as well as a mind and body wellness kit to help students and their families find pleasure and enjoyment to relieve some of the day to day school stress. In addition, Covid-19 has put stress on everyone, and so I thought the calming and stress relieving tools would be helpful and not otherwise enjoyed without them being free to users. This would most definitely include teachers as well.

Because Patrick County offers a wide variety of recreational activities for its community, I felt it would be useful to include some leisure activities in the Library of Things that incorporate the local parks, recreation areas, waterways, Blue Ridge Mountains, and trails throughout the county. Students and their families can enjoy their surroundings and leisure activities right at their fingertips without the expense of buying the items typically needed to enjoy these activities.

The Patrick County High School's mission is to provide quality learning experiences designed to equip students with the skills to adapt and thrive in a changing global environment. The library wishes to extend and enhance the classroom experience providing a place where students and teachers can explore, learn, create, and collaborate. As the librarian of Patrick County High School, it is my hope that through this Library of Things starter set I can build upon the already established mission and vision of the library in fostering the growth and love of learning, exploring, and creating.