

Grant Request to The Friends of the East Greenbush Community Library

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Library of Things Collection- \$2,500

What is requested? Library of Things

Department: Adult & Information Services

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Overview

We are seeking a \$2,500 grant to enhance our innovative Library of Things, a collection that provides community members with access to non-traditional library items. By expanding this collection, we aim to substantially increase the library's utility and relevance, offering tools, technology, and recreational items that foster lifelong learning and enhance leisure activities. Our existing collection, which has been meticulously curated based on community feedback, includes unique items like snowshoes, Nintendo Switch consoles, Roku devices preloaded with subscription services, VHS conversion kits, and portable power units.

Why does the library need this?

Our Library of Things is not just a service; it's a vital community resource that democratizes access to expensive or specialized items, ensuring all community members can benefit regardless of their economic situation. This initiative is crucial for keeping pace with the evolving interests and needs of our community, reinforcing the library's role as a dynamic center for both learning and entertainment. With this grant, we aim to introduce even more diverse items into our collection to enable us to continue adapting our services to meet and exceed community expectations.