# OH NO, MY UKULELE IS OVERDUE!

#### FUTURE FOCUSED COLLECTIONS AND PROGRAMMING

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# The Library of Things Hillsboro



## Why a Library of Things?

 Promote lifelong learning and growth through experience

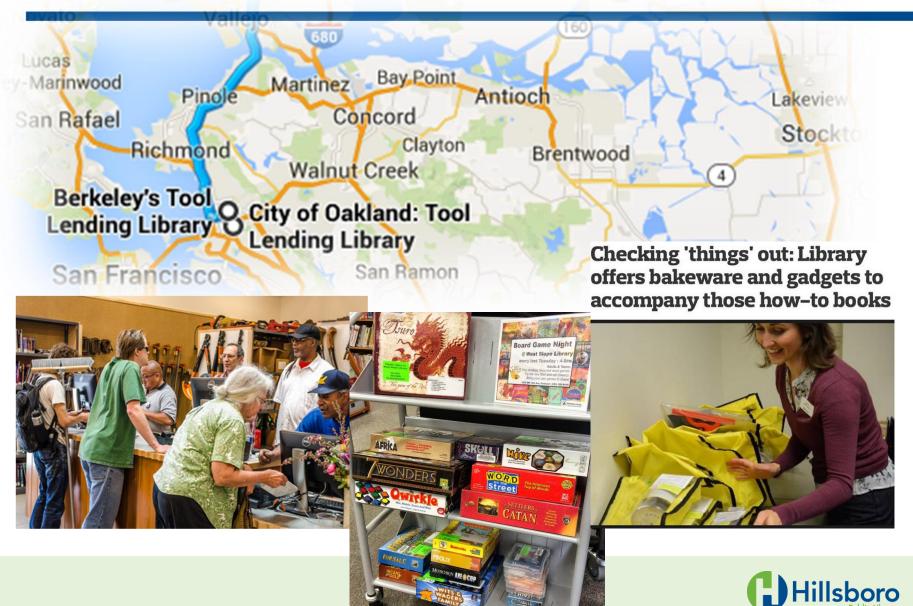
 Help create better informed consumers

 Provide the physical tools to assist people in developing a new skills and hobbies

Allow patrons the opportunity to try, experiment, and create



# How we got started



## Hillsboro's collection today

**Available for Checkout** 



- 450+ Things 21,815 checkouts
- 350+ board games 16,474 checkouts



# Cataloging and processing

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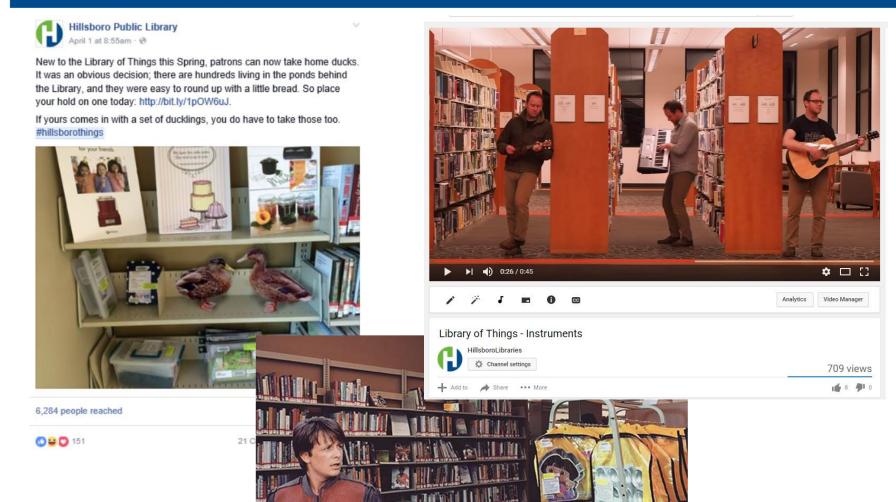
## Circulation, maintenance, & upkeep

- Items are both holdable and renewable
- 7 day checkout, with \$1/day late fees
- \$5 fee for kitchenware and bakeware returned dirty
- Things must be checked out and returned at their owning branch
- Returns at the front desk only





## **Promoting the collection**





### Things to consider



- Cost and staff time spent on acquisition and processing
- Space for the collection and the holds
- How will circulation staff handle the Things
- Who is responsible for maintaining the collection
- Volunteer help



### **Get in touch**

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Hillsboro's Library of Things website:

https://www.hillsboro-oregon.gov/libraryofthings

Hillsboro's YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/user/HillsboroLibraries







LIBRARY OF THINGS

# FROM THE BEAVERTON CITY LIBRARY PRESS RELEASE:

A natural evolution of the library's existing lending model, this collection supplements the library's approach to meeting the needs of our diverse and growing community. It supports the "sharing economy" and the city's sustainability efforts, as patrons sharing items means less waste. The collection also offers an opportunity to "try before you buy," to save money, and to test out something you might not have come across otherwise.

#### **GETTING STARTED**

- "LIBRARY OF THINGS"
- Asking and informing patrons
  - Survey
  - If you're lucky, <u>Good Morning America</u> helps you get the word out
- Donations or budget?
  - Liability
  - What's your budget?
- Teams to research and plan
  - Things 1 (selecting) and Things 2 (circulating)

#### INTO THE WEEDS

- How do we treat this collection?
  - -Consistency is key
- How do we want it to circulate?
  - -Staff time, patron ease
- How do we protect it?
  - -Card types, item limits, fine amounts
- Who gets to do extra work to accommodate the collection needs?
  - -Spoiler alert: everyone
- How do we get the word out when it's finally here? See above.



#### WHAT HAS THE EXPERIENCE BEEN FOR STAFF?

- Patrons are excited
- More complicated verification
  - GoPro has nearly 20 components
  - C for consumable
- Where to store?
- Self check vs desk, supervised check in
- Exceptions to standard circulation policy

Pictured right: Before and after our LoT release



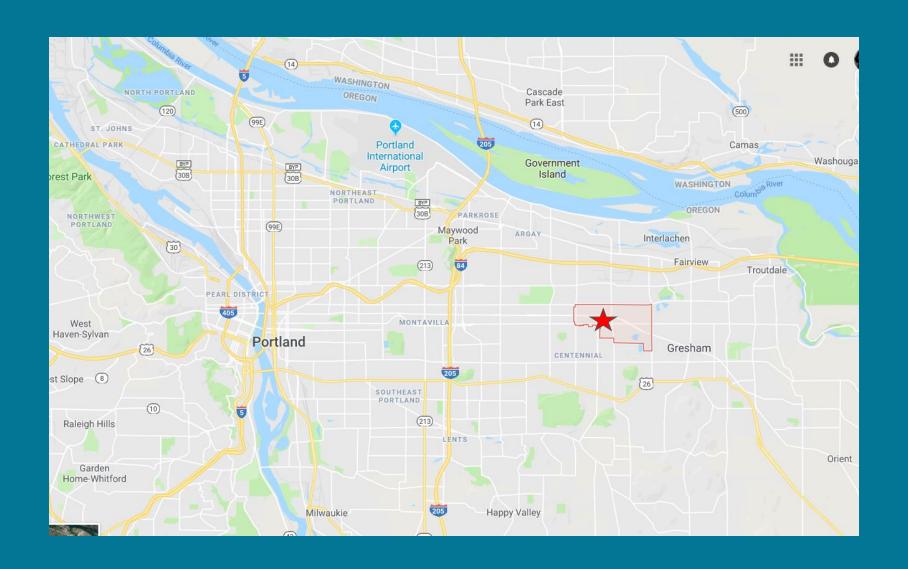


## Rockwood Library Makerspace

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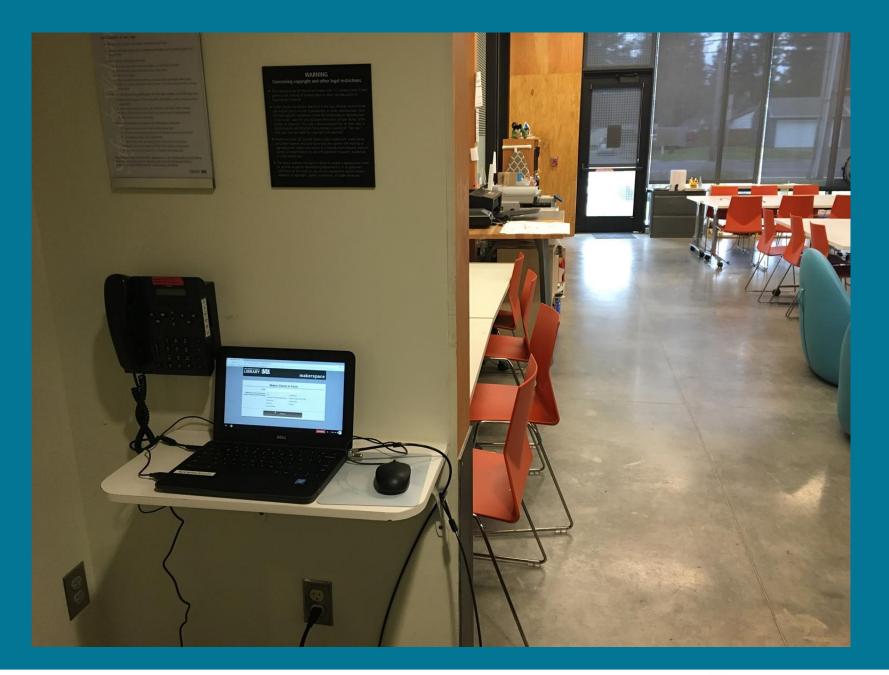


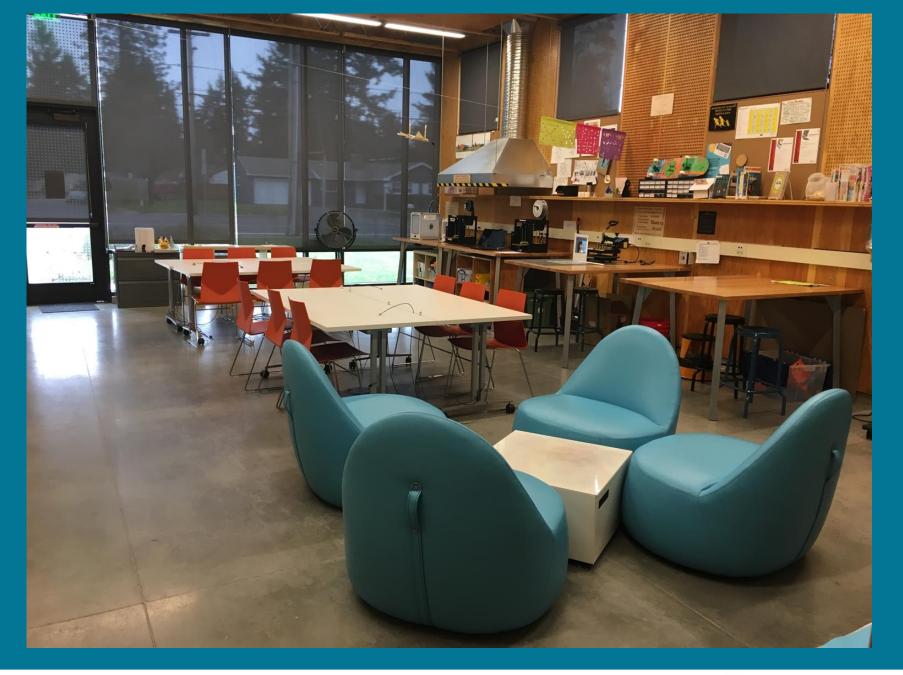


### MAKERSPACE PROGRAMS







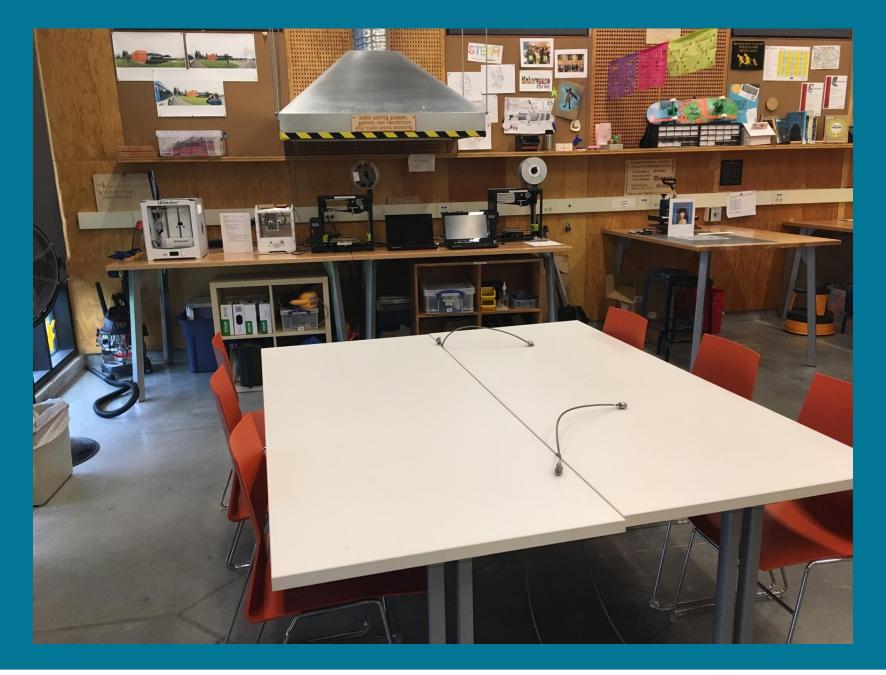


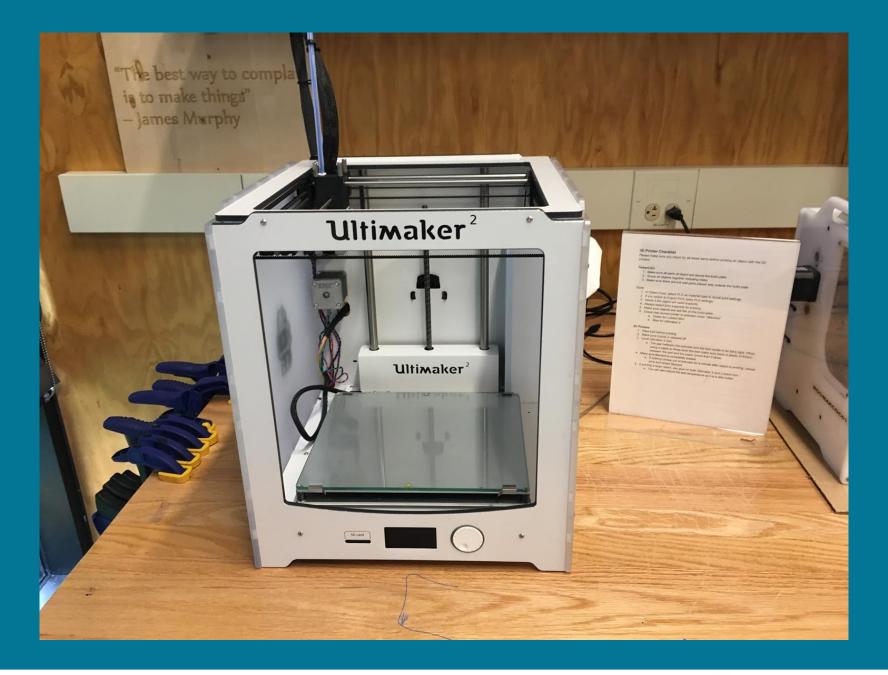


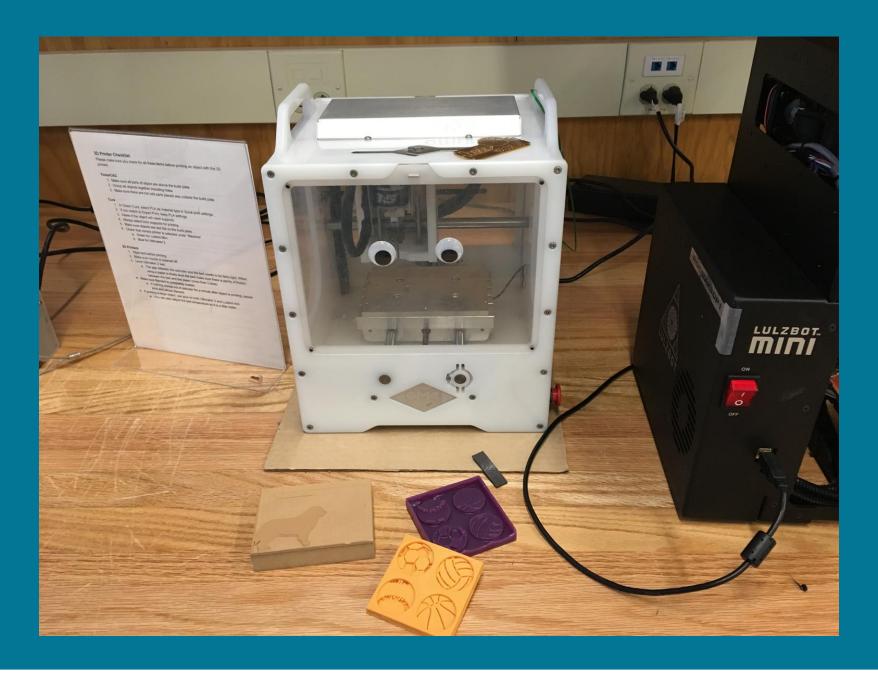


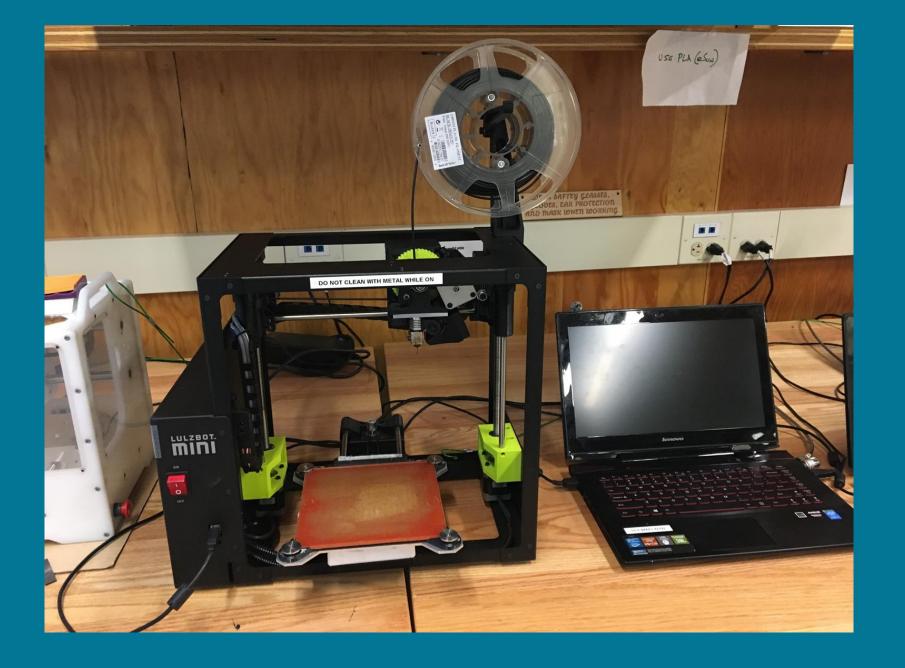






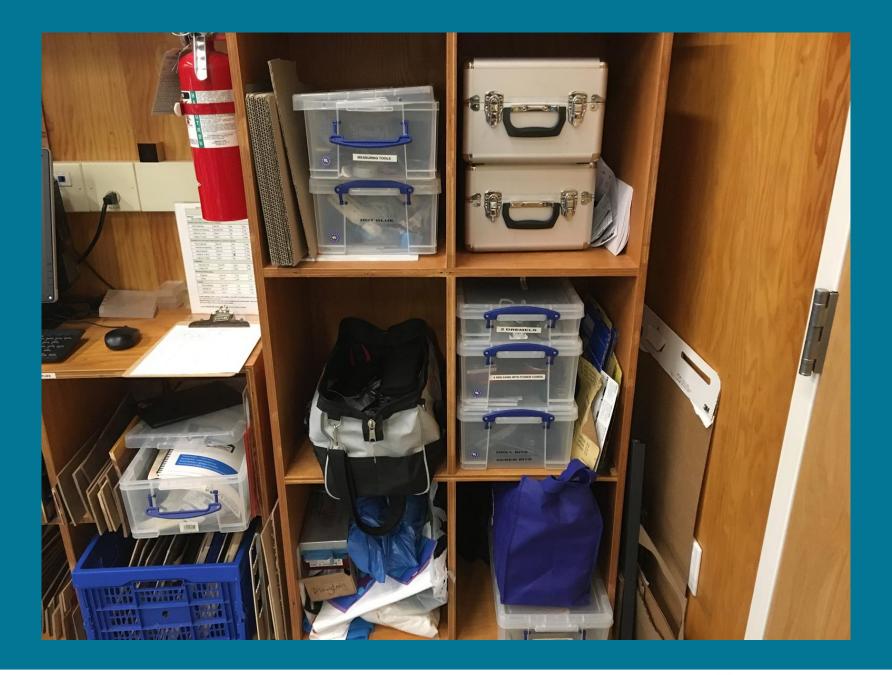












# QUESTIONS?