

Community Feedback

Selection of community survey responses (survey completed by 141 local residents so far).

We have also held 2 information events and had a stall at Levenshulme night market. The comments and responses to the initiative have been overwhelmingly positive. People can't wait for this to happen and it's going to be a really beneficial community asset.

Any other comments - we'd really like to hear your thoughts or suggestions for the Library.
Share other ideas for sharing within the local community.
It's an amazing idea! And I'm looking forward to it.
I love this.
Maybe you could offer a library of skills , with a going rate ?
Will people be able to loan their items for short term but then get them back if they need them again long term? For example, I own a palm sander but won't use it for the next 3 months so I donate to the library. Then I start a new DIY project where I will need it daily for 2 weeks. As it was originally mine can I take it back without charge then donate again? I know that a donation is usually final i.e the item ownership has been forfeited but I wonder whether giving the option I suggest could encourage more people to donate. In any case, LOT is an excellent idea, I hope it takes off and isn't abused.
A fantastic idea to recycle
brilliant idea- we already use this system with our neighbours!!
It would be good to have a secure drop point for when you're not open, or to work with local businesses to have external collection points so to make it more accessible for those without cars across levenshulme
I work I'm care so have limited time bit could volunteer a couple of hours a month. I think this 'caring infrastructure' is crucial to make living communities. Well done. Awesome stuff.
Just good luck
Great idea! Could a guide be compiled with instructions for each of the items? Or could a handy person be there to advise when you pick it up?
Maybe you could have volunteers to help with jobs for single parents.
This is a really good idea! Why hasn't anyone thought of it before. :)
Such a brilliant idea!
It sounds fantastic, really looking forward to it
Perhaps those borrowing on a one-off basis could have their charges capped to the cost of the yearly membership, so people don't have to work out in advance which would suit their needs better? Very excited for this!
it'd be helpful if you could also "rent" time with a volunteer who would show you how to use something
I think this is a really great idea. There so many items that people only need very occasionally and would be stuck in the loft for 95% of the year so really cuts down on waste.
Really pleased you are doing this, it is a fantastic idea
Such a good idea. I'd probably not pay annually unless the opening hours really suited me or if I was renovating my house.

Would be good if there are was an on line directory to order and have a pick up time. I'm thinking id use it alot to get guest stuff, when people stay with kids or if you have a big party.
Great work! I needed something like this years ago sadly have bought many of the items you have now, and given away my screen printing kit recently :(but defo want to support it
A library of trades people who will do odd jobs for those of us that cannot do it even with the correct tools eg. changing tap washers, mending a back gate/fence (small jobs that do only require a fix not replacement) changing light bulbs, hanging curtains, cutting hedges/grass, putting flat pack furniture together, fitting items bought that then finding unable to fit yourself. Info is out there but hard to find for just odd jobs handy to have it correlated as people on eg. Levy Massive are always asking for tis type of thing eg zip replacement on clothing not many aware that Regal Dry Cleaners do this as they just think of it as a Dry Cleaners
This is great can we have one in Heaton Chapel please?
We'd love to hear more about this project, and you will be just down the road. We'd be happy to promote it. Our organisation www.slheatons.org do a number of climate action and environmental things and one of our members had just yesterday told us about Library of Things in London. Great that there will soon be one nearby.
Would be interested in being involved/collecting donations/helping with comms. Journo with social media experience. Have been talking about wanting this sort of project for a couple of years.
Perhaps a £5.00 not matter the item. I only suggest this because say I borrowed the pressure washer 3 times a year, I may as well buy one that I could use anytime for the cost of a year or two loan.
Its an absolutely brilliant idea. Lets make it happen !!
It's a fantastic idea!!
This is such a wonderful idea and will be very useful to people who just don't have the money to go and buy things they will use only occasionally.
I think this is a great idea. Im new to the area and I moved from a house to a flat. I can't store stuff, I don't have friends/family to borrow from & it's wasteful to buy stuff to rarely use. Also a great way to recycle other peoples waste and prevent it from going into landfill. Good luck & I can't wait to borrow that steam cleaner & sort my curtains out! :)
Looking forward to it!
I think this is a brilliant idea! Will requests for items be an ongoing thing, so if there was something someone was needing but the library didn't have, that there could be a call-out for it for example? Would the library also offer people's expertise!? E.g. tiling skills to learn how to tile or other diy jobs
Is the library a non-profit organisation?
Such a great idea. Thank you!
I think this is a great idea, and hopefully will provide some employment or training opportunities for local young people. A mending economy has to go alongside a borrowing economy!
It would be great to have tiered price points and classes/tutorials on how to use DIY items.
Really nice idea. I wonder if some familiarisation tours could qork as part of the launch. Getting people to come and visit and see the items. Also to have some trial loans and feedback. Each item could have s tag completed by the lender to say when and what they used it for and if they liked it or snags of how to work things.
It's an absolutely wonderful idea! I can't wait for you to open
It would be great if there was some kind of list/inventory of borrowable items online so that you know what might be available before coming to the library
I'd be more likely to take out annual membership if it could be paid in monthly installments rather than as a single lump sum (and I'd probably use the library more often if I was a member). Also I think this is a great idea and I'm really looking forward to being able to borrow things when we need them!

For membership you could have different levels e.g standard for things like tools, medium to include more expensive things and then premium to include everything
Would consider volunteering a few hrs
This is such a great idea!
I think it's a fabulous idea, thank you
Might be nice to have 6 month memberships too if viable. I think it's a really great idea especially with the cost of living rising. I'm looking forward to using it.
The ability to book items in advance online would be essential. This is such a great project, I'm excited for it to start.
Notice board for small orgs who do workshops on diy, teach sewing - compatible with what's on offer to borrow). Electical stuff - do libraries of things have to ensure elec safety, asking as if so cost of checking would have to be built into charges/ interested in insurance position out of curiosity really.
Excited.
Fantastic we're getting this
Brilliant idea!
Really wonderful idea!
Skills swap and am good with plants eg I sew but have no DIY skills