

As many residents of Belmont know – recycling comes last in the hierarchy of sustainability in the basic-“refuse, reduce, recycle” mantra. I would like to highlight a great program that takes advantage of the refuse and reduce steps - **The Library of Things** at our Town Library.

At the Belmont Library, residents are able to reserve and check out non-traditional items for one-time projects or give items a test run before buying. This reduces the amount of stuff in residents’ homes that ends up in storage closets or in the trash. Allowing residents to borrow rather than buy these items reduces waste, but also saves money. Some of the items available to borrow are: sewing machine, drawing tablet, photo scanner, VHS recorder to watch old tapes, gaming consoles, etc.

The Town of Belmont has received grant money from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection that allows the Town to purchase more items for our Library of Things. The Department of Public works would like to allocate \$500.00 to the library to purchase items that would expand this collection. Here is the link to view this program:

<https://belmontpubliclibrary.net/services/library-of-things/#:~:text=The%20Library%20of%20Things%20is,for%20new%20additions%20coming%20soon!>