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Members of the Board:

2020 Achievement Awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo)

Purpose/Outcome	To recognize County programs and staff that received 2020 Achievement Awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo).
Dollar Amount and Fiscal Impact	None
Funding Source	N/A
Duration	N/A
Previous Board Action/Review	N/A
Strategic Plan Alignment	These items align with the County's Performance Clackamas goals to build a strong infrastructure, build public trust through good government, and ensure safe, healthy and secure communities.
Counsel Review	N/A
Procurement Review	No. This item was not processed through Procurement.
Contact Person	Ed Nieto, Community Relations Specialist, PGA, 971-284-7094 or enieto@clackamas.us . Presenters: Jessica Rinner, WES; Kathryn Kohl, LINCC and Stacy Ludington, Clackamas County Office of Sustainability.

BACKGROUND

Clackamas County received two 2020 Achievement Awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo). The NACo Achievement Awards Program seeks to recognize innovative county government programs, which are judged on:

- Innovation and creativity
- Measurable results and effectiveness
- Enhanced level of citizen participation in, or the understanding of, government programs

The winning entries are:

Clackamas Water Environment Services: 82nd Drive Pedestrian Bridge Improvement Project

The 82nd Drive Pedestrian Bridge, which connects the cities of Gladstone and Oregon City, reopened on April 10, 2020 to play an important role in Clackamas County's future. After years of planning and design, the seismically-retrofit bridge is now capable of withstanding a



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magnitude 9.0 earthquake. Seismologists warn that such a quake will strike the region sometime within the next 50 years. The bridge is the only span in the area up to seismic code.

The bridge can now provide passage across the Clackamas River for emergency vehicles and other appropriate personnel should such a catastrophic earthquake occur. Already a vital piece of infrastructure, the strengthened bridge also provides stronger protections for sanitary sewer pipes, a gas line and a link of the Clackamas Broadband Express fiber-optic communications system that it carries across the river.

Owned by Clackamas Water Environment Services, the bridge greatly bolsters Clackamas County's ability to recover from and adapt to a disastrous earthquake, which could include a dramatically-altered landscape with roads that are no longer navigable. County leaders can now develop emergency plans that include a bridge that will be able to provide vital passage across the river should such a cataclysmic event happen.

Clackamas County's Office of Sustainability and the Library Information Network of Clackamas County (LINCC) – Library of Things

A *Library of Things* is a collection of non-standard items for patrons to check out that is hosted at a library. The things include, but are not limited to, arts and crafts, bakeware/kitchenware, board games and recreational kits, event/party equipment, home equipment (e.g., VHS to DVD converter, therapy light), musical instruments, science/technology kits and tools.

In 2019, Clackamas County's Office of Sustainability and Solid Waste (SSW) and the Library Information Network of Clackamas County (LINCC) partnered to bring a Library of Things (LOT) to eight public libraries. The libraries collaborated to identify items the public wants, and developed budgets and plans for packaging, cataloging, circulation, risk mitigation and other matters to ensure a similar high quality experience for users at each library.

The LOTs opened on September 23, 2019, and nearly 2,800 items were checked out over the next four months. Surveys showed 94% of patrons were satisfied or very satisfied with the LOT, and 99.5% planned to borrow again. Patrons said LOTs enriched their lives by helping them:

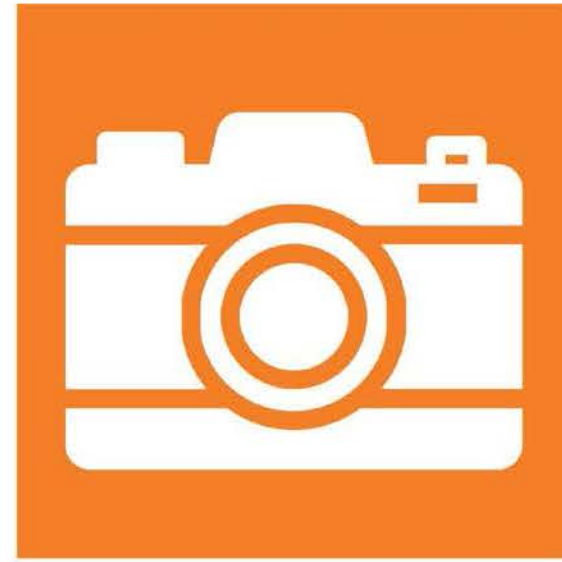
- Try an item they were considering buying (26%)
- Avoid buying an item only needed once or occasionally (25%)
- Save money (23%)
- Learn a new skill (15%)
- Build connections with others (10%)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board receive this presentation on the county's two NACo awards.

Respectfully submitted,

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LIBRARY OF THINGS

LIBRARIES IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY



The Idea

Back in the fall of 2017, Sustainability and Solid Waste approached Business and Community Services (Library Network division) with an idea...

We wanted to promote sustainable practices by providing seed money to the libraries to create Libraries of Things which have been popping up across the country, and internationally.



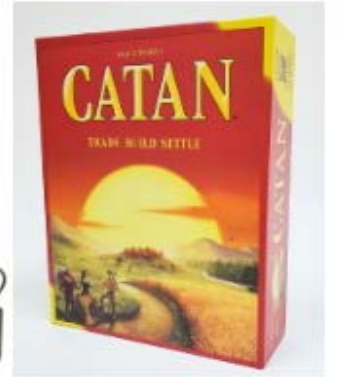
What is a Library of Things?



Arts and Crafts



Event and Party



Games and Toys



Home and Garden



Kitchenware



Musical Instruments



Outdoor and Recreation



Technology



The Business Case

- Supports library's goal of offering new and popular materials to
 - stimulate the imagination
 - provide new experiences
 - promote lifelong learning across the County
- Aligns with the 2050 Vision for Materials Management in Oregon which calls out sustainable and thoughtful consumption by consumers.
- Aligns with the Performance Clackamas policy perspective regarding **Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion.**
- Provided a wonderful partnership opportunity for two County departments working to better serve County residents.

The Process

Over the next two years we worked closely together to...

- Learn best practices from other libraries
- Survey residents
- Create an implementation workgroup, made of up representatives from the nine libraries, the BCS Library Network, and Sustainability and Solid Waste.





Library of Things – the launch!

9 Libraries Participating!

On September 23, 2019 we launched a Library of Things in nine of the 13 libraries in Clackamas County:

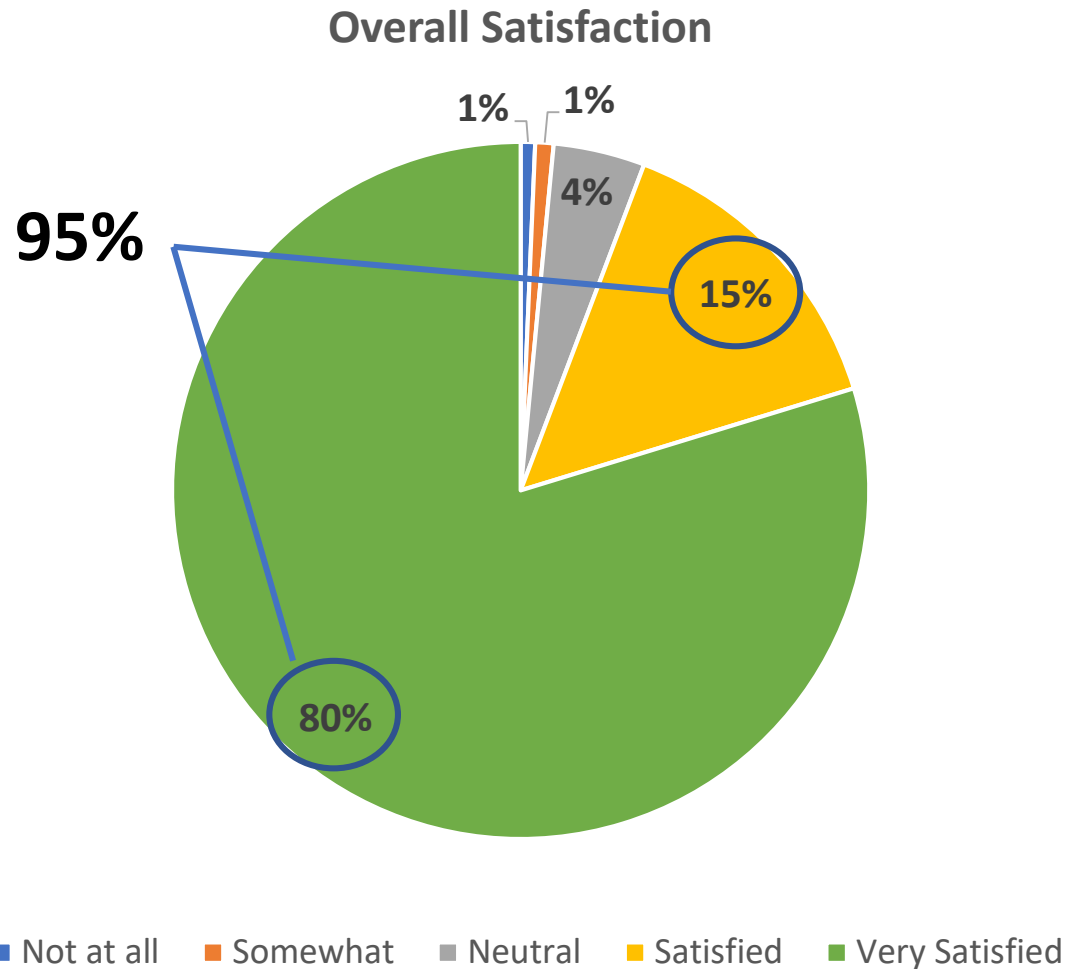
- Canby Public Library
- Estacada Public Library
- Lake Oswego Public Library
- Ledding Library of Milwaukie
- Oregon City Public Library
- Sandy Public Library
- Hoodland Public Library
- West Linn Public Library
- Wilsonville Public Library

Patrons love the Library of Things!

RESULTS OF A PATRON SURVEY:

- 95% were satisfied with the experience of checking out an item.
- 99% of respondents said they would check out an item again in the future!

Note: 1,687 surveys completed as of 6/30/2020



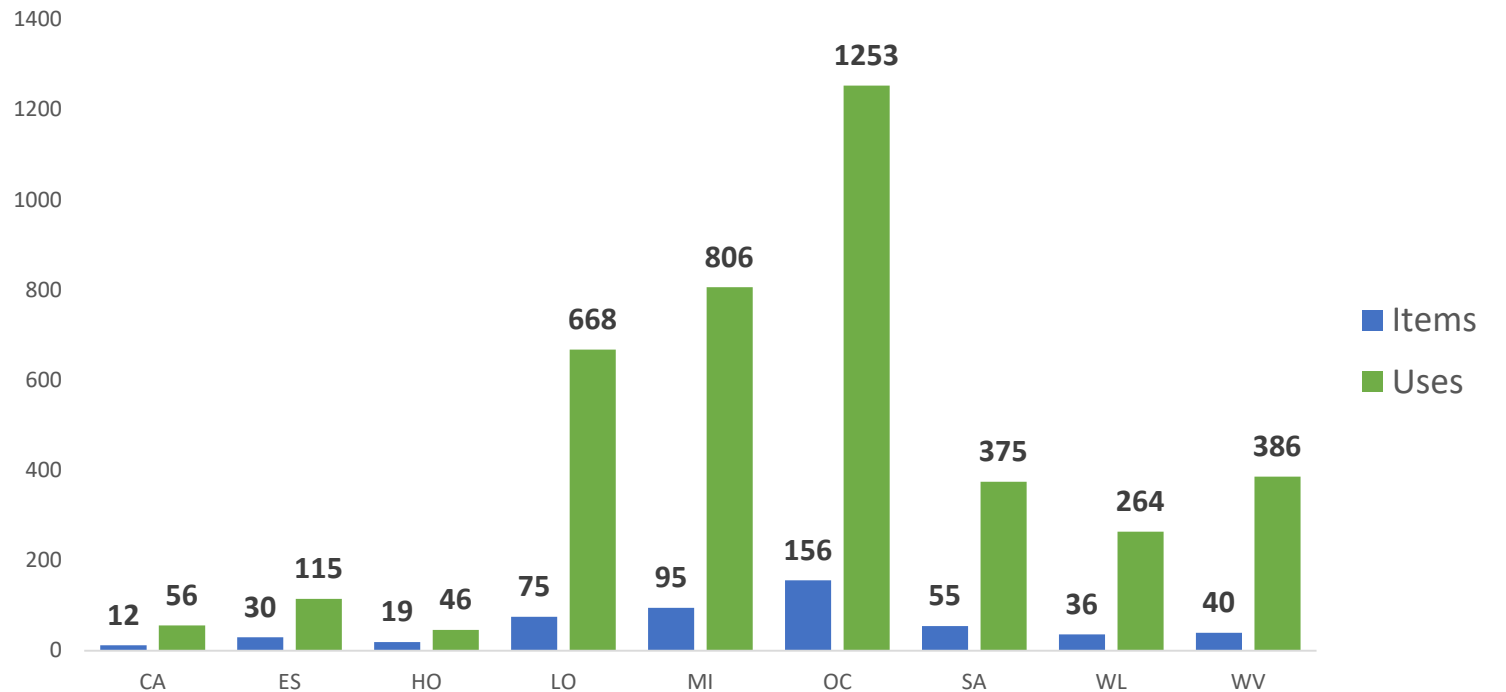
The items are getting a lot of use!

- Over 500 different items available across all nine libraries!
- About 4,000 checkouts from September through June (even with pandemic related closures).



Collection & Circulation

Sept 2019 - June 2020



The impact of this collection:

After Checking Out a LoT Item the Patron Was Able To:



Try out an item you are considering buying



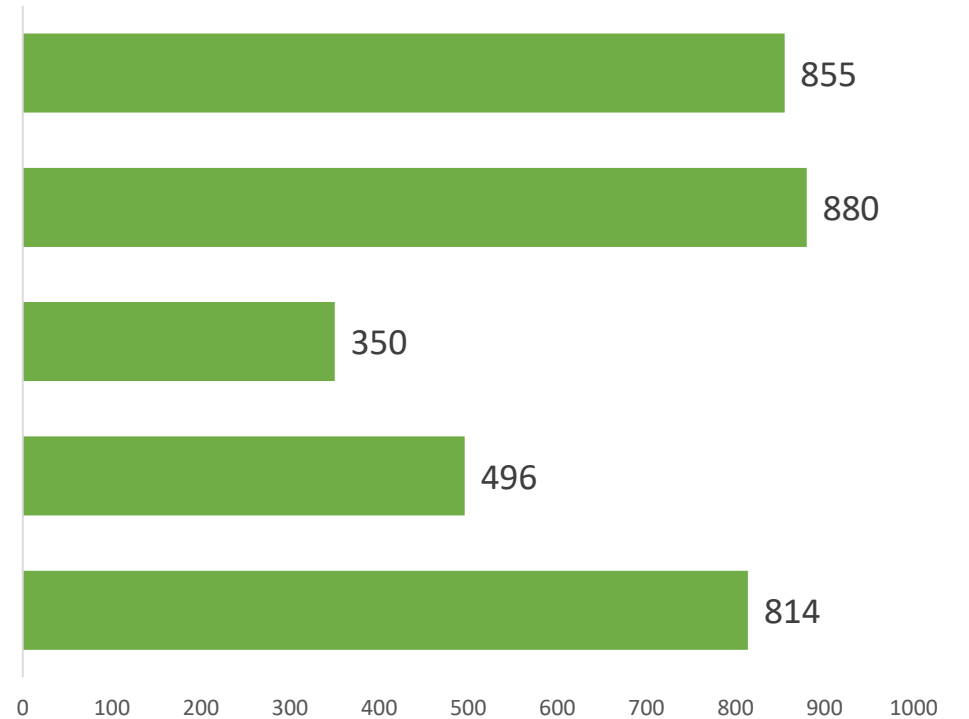
Avoid buying an item you only need occasionally

Build connections with others

Learn a new skill



Save money



Here's what users had to say!

“Great idea for allowing people to borrow items w/o having to purchase them. This machine worked great, and it's a bit too expensive for us to buy. Good to know we can check it out at our library!!” – Karaoke Machine

“We LOVED being able to try a new game for family night!” – Ticket to Ride Board Game

“I love that this provides a great resource for any and all regardless of social or economic standing.” – Dungeons and Dragons Starter Kit

“Very neat to be able to teach our children about stargazing, and great to view moon” – Home Planetarium

“Much simpler than I thought.” – Pasta machine



Thank you!

If you have any questions, please contact us:

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