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Things Edition

Bringing the "Library of Things" to You

Most of you are probably familiar with the term "Library of Things". It's a collection that can look very different at each library. And, indeed, we have quite a few libraries in our backyard creating unique collections filled with ukuleles or pickleball sets. We're going to dedicate this issue of the Pathfinder to some of the newer things that you can get from us, but there are plenty of examples you can find in other libraries if you search for "3-D Object", "Kit", or "Mixed materials" in the catalog.

Take a Look at the Catalog
Breaking Slavery's Chains

The “Breaking Slavery’s Chains” traveling exhibit is on loan to us through the North Country Underground Railroad Historical Association and Museum. The display covers historical stories about the brutality of slavery in the United States, statistics from around the world, and examples of human rights violations today. Member libraries may borrow the display by contacting Anja. We’ll make the arrangements and send it to you in the van delivery.

Photography Kit

There are plenty of people out there that would love to try their hand at photography, but just don't have
the means to purchase everything that's necessary. That's where the new Photography Kit comes in. A digital camera, cleaning accessories, rechargeable batteries, SD card, mini tripod, straps, and carrying case are bundled together to make it easy to try out a new hobby. You can find it available to request through the catalog.

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**Adult Experience Kits**

We've made plenty of hands-on learning and activity kits for kids, but we're branching out with kits more catered to teens and adults. Point in case: Experience Kits. We've started off with 5: Experience Africa, Experience a Girls' Night In, Experience a Murder Mystery, Experience the Game of Thrones, Experience the World of Harry Potter. Each is packed with everything a group might need for a fun gathering with books, DVDs, games, activities, decorations, and more. Find them all in the through the catalog.
Salmon Display

2019 is the Year of the Salmon! To help celebrate this magnificent fish and its presence in Lake Champlain, we are offering a traveling exhibit that covers the life cycle, extermination, and re-birth of the Atlantic salmon in Lake Champlain. The exhibit, brought to us by the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the Lake Champlain Chapter of Trout Unlimited, offers an exciting series of seven panels that cover the history of the Atlantic salmon in Lake Champlain, explains the reasons for its extermination, and illustrates the dramatic re-birth of the fish, thanks to efforts by conservationists and scientists in Vermont, New York, and Quebec.

The panels that display this story are 20 x 30 inches in size, and can be hung or set on easels or chairs for display. Explanatory booklets will be available to provide a "takeaway" of info on the Atlantic Salmon, and will make reference to the Lake Champlain Basin Program website, which is loaded with more information on the successful efforts to restore this great sports fish in our lake. We’re delighted to be able to offer this display, and would like to make it available to you for display for a two-week period in your library, after which it will rotate to a neighboring library. Also, there is a speaker who is willing to do a short (30 – 50 minute) talk about the Year of the Salmon to go along with the display if you’re interested, let us know and we’ll contact him and coordinate it with the display. If
you’d like to get this display for your patrons, please contact Karen so we can schedule it.

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**Sewing Machine**

In the same vein as the Photography Kit, we've also added a sewing machine to our collection. That's right, patrons can check out an entire sewing machine if they want experiment with the craft without having to deal out the cash to have their own. The machine is available to check out through the catalog.
Empowering Girls Kits

We've had a warm reception to the new Empowering Girls Kits - bundles that include books, activities, and dolls to inspire young girls to aim high and find role models in life. Currently, there are 5 kits: Explore Your World (about hiking and traversal), Discover Solutions (about science careers), Find Your Strength (about conquering perceived limitations), Reach for the Stars (about space travel), and Soar to New Heights (about pilots and aviation). All of the kits are available to request through the catalog. We're already working on a new round of these kits in the future, so keep your eyes peeled.
New Flags

Do you think that people might be passing by your building without even knowing that there’s a library? Or do you have an event coming up that you’d like to draw special attention to? Well, we’ve got plenty of flags for that. We recently added teardrop flags that feature children playing and reading to our collection. Each flag comes with metal bases and water bags to weigh them down and they’re all double-sided, ensuring to get the point across from either direction. Contact David about getting them sent to your library.
And More

We don't want to make this email too long, but there's still plenty more things that you can have sent to your library. Take a gander at cefls.org/library-of-things or search the catalog for a more complete list of all that's available to patrons. And if you're looking for all of that and equipment that you can use in the library, take a look at our page for library staff. And, of course, if you have an idea of what might interest your patrons, please let us know.

“Great things are done by a series of small things brought together.”

- Vincent Van Gogh

Share Something

Don't be shy! The Pathfinder is meant to share useful information across member libraries in a timely and condensed manner, but doesn't replace the Trailblazer, which is meant to share stories from around the System. Do you have something to contribute to the Pathfinder? Contact David Fuller and it could be in our next issue.
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