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Buchanan District Library Will Soon Offer a Library of Things

BUCHANAN, Michigan —Books, audiobooks, games, and movies will soon be joined by a wide variety of nontraditional library items for patrons to check out at the Buchanan District Library.

“This is a natural extension of what libraries already do, and will allow us to better meet the needs of our patrons,” said Meg Paulette, library director. “A Library of Things is a way for our community to share resources and expand the boundaries of what a library usually offers.”

The Library of Things will offer items such as tools, musical instruments, framed art, outdoor equipment, and more. Adult patrons in good standing with the library will be able to check out these materials the same as they would check out books.

Library of Things items will start becoming available at the Buchanan District Library in the month of August. Purchasing is underway, and is supported in part by grant funds from the Michigan Gateway Community Foundation.

The library actually received the first items for the Library of Things in March of 2020, right before the COVID-19 shutdown. Six ukuleles were donated to the library from Ohana Music in Long Beach, California.

“It was very exciting to get the ukuleles in the mail, and very hard to wait so long to make them available for checkout!” said Paulette. “Obviously the last few months changed many of our plans, but we’re happy to be moving forward again.”

More information and updates on the Library of Things at Buchanan District Library can be found at www.buchananlibrary.org.

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