Funky Library Collections

Guitars

- East Palo Alto Library in California
  - 15 Hohner Classical Guitars in their collection.
  - Purchased from a local music store.
  - Costs:
    - Guitars,
    - bags,
    - tuners,
    - extra strings, and
    - wall hangers.
  - Circ Rules:
    - 8 weeks,
    - 1 Renewal,
    - No holds.

Ukuleles

- Ogden Farmers' Library (Monroe County)
  - Guitar Center proposed this collection for children.
  - 10 ukes were donated to the library.
  - Local uke player donates time for lessons.
  - Two week circ.
- Collingwood Public Library
  - Three ukes available, three week checkouts.
  - Free lessons.

Bicycles

- Arcata Community Library Bike Project

  - Available to the entire community for a $20 deposit.

  - Six month checkout.

  - No charge for repairs.

  - Supported by volunteers.

  - Available at four locations.

Tools

- Northeast Portland Tool Library (NEPTL)
  - Loans a variety of tools, seven at a time for one week.
- Buffalo Tool Library
  - Created out of a partnership with PUSH Buffalo, Grassroots Gardens, Buffalo ReUse
  - Created to help the community fix their homes.
  - Many tools come from donation.
  - Circs for 1 week and can be renewed.
  - Some tools require (free) safety training.

Film and Video

- Penn Libraries
  - Loans:
    - Video Cameras
    - Cameras
    - Projectors
    - Screens
    - Recorders
    - Microphones
- Students only.
- Three Day Loans.
- $25/Day Late Fees (Yikes!).

Toys

- Lincoln Branch Library (Monroe County)
  - o Toy Resource Center.
  - o Approximately 5000 toys, ages 0-9.
  - o Selected to support
    - cognitive,
    - creative,
    - social-emotional,
    - perceptual,
    - physical developmental.
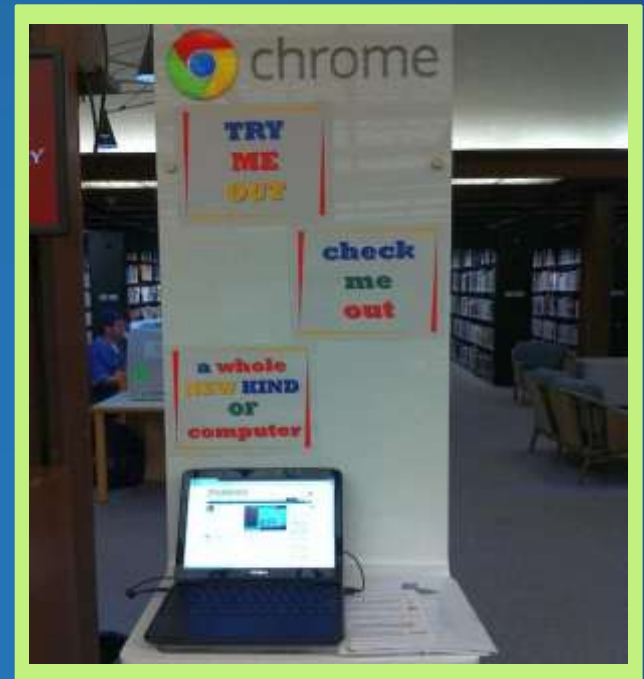
Seeds

- Richmond Seed Library
  - Borrow seeds (for free) return seeds after they grow (self-sustaining collection).
  - Promote home & organic gardening.
  - Educational training on organic gardening and home gardening.
  - Maintained by volunteers.

Chromebooks

- Palo Alto Library
  - Designed to raise awareness of Chromebooks.
    - "Disposable Computers"
  - Great for introducing people to Cloud Computing.
  - Easy to Circ (and use):
    - One week loan.
    - In-house use (great use).
    - "10 Minute Stations".

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YES!

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Just Kidding...

Get Creative...

- Have a musician teach lessons at your library.
- Find an available space and circ something small.
  - A collection does not need to be large scale.
- Find out what items your community needs.
- Partner with other libraries in your area.

Questions?