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Citizens can now start borrowing from the Library of Objects!

Vaudreuil-Dorion, October 17, 2023 – The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion launched its brand-new library of objects this evening, an innovative project submitted by citizens Karine La Flèche and Stephanie Dornenburg as part of the 2022 participatory budget. Patrons of the municipal library are now able to borrow from some 130 objects organized according to the following themes: Science, sports, special occasions, household items, small tools, toys, outdoor equipment, kitchen appliances, family, technology, specialized support tools for people with special needs.

"Participatory budgeting is one of the actions included in the 2020 > 2025 Strategic Plan entitled *Habité par ma ville*, implemented by the City to promote a culture of public participation and build citizen engagement. The project offers an opportunity for citizens to propose projects that are meaningful to them and work with City teams to bring them to fruition. The library of objects is the result of the project submitted by Ms. La Flèche and Ms. Dornenburg during the very first participatory budget," said Mayor Guy Pilon.

"This project is very much in line with the library's mission and the plans we had in mind for our future library, which is currently under construction. We fully expect to add more objects to the collection in the future, including musical instruments," added Vincent Bastien, Director of the Recreation and Culture Department.

How the Library of Objects works

"While the goal of the library of objects is to reduce single-use purchases through the sharing of objects between citizens, it will also allow users to try out a device before making the decision to buy it. This, for instance, might be the case for an ice cream machine, a therapeutic lamp, a karaoke or video game console," explained Annick Lemay, Head of the library division.

To allow citizens to benefit as fully as possible from this new service, it has been decided that only one item can be borrowed at a time, for a period of 10 days. As with other library items, users can reserve an item by contacting the loan desk or via their member account. For safety reasons, only members 18 years of age and over are authorized to borrow an object from the library. Lastly, items should be returned to the desk and not through the book chute.

The complete list of items in the library of objects can be found at biblio.ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca under Services / Library of Objects.