RSAcat Library of Things Search Limit
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The Bottom Line:
More and more libraries are starting to advertise their 'Library of Things' collections. These collections typically consist of electronics, games, toys, puzzles, cake pans, and other non-traditional items.
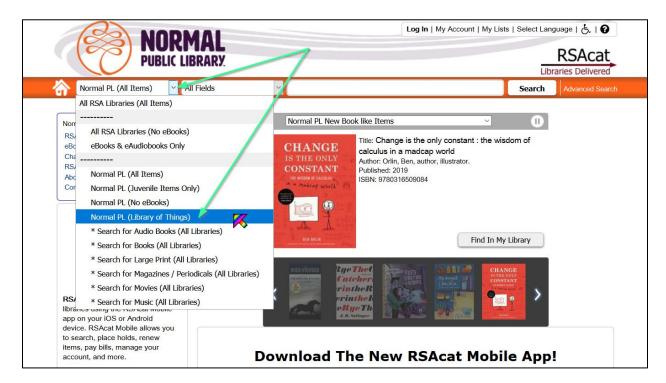
RSA can create and add a Library of Things search limit in your RSAcat profile to facilitate patron discovery of these items. The Normal Public Library and Fondulac Public Library District RSAcat pages have these search limits running now.

At this time, RSA has not created a Library of Things limit that searches all libraries. Not all libraries have LoT collections, and most of the items in LoT collections are local or no holds items.

Do you have questions or want this search limit for your library? Please contact the RSA Help Desk at 1-866-940-4083 or rsahelp@railslibraries.info.
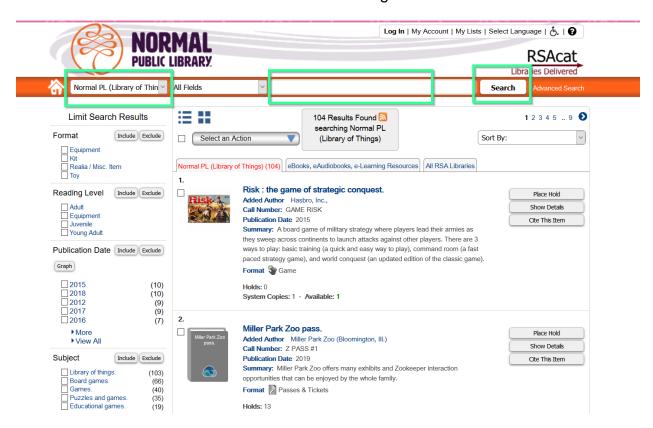
Background:
Individual libraries can have a Library of Things (LoT) search limit added to their RSAcat profile page in the search limit dropdown box next to the home button.

Selecting this limit from the dropdown, leaving the search box empty, and clicking the Search button will return a list of ALL items matching the LoT search limit.

RSA staff have to create LoT search limit for requesting member libraries. Please email the RSA Help Desk (rsahelp@railslibraries.info) and ask to have a Library of Things search limit set up. You might find it helpful to submit an RSA report request to ask for a list the items that would be returned in the LoT search if we built one for you. You may need to modify your collection prior to having us create the search limit so that patrons are not frustrated by the lack of results.

The Library of Things search limit will return ANY ITEM in your library(s) with one or more of the following parameters assigned to the item:

    Part 1: Owned by your library (single library or multiple branches)
    AND
    Part 2: One of more of the following codes:
        Item Category 3: REALIA
        OR
        Item Category 3: TOY
        OR
        Item Category 4: LIBTHINGS
        OR
        Item Category 5: LIBTHINGS

Please contact the RSA Help Desk if you want to get started with any of these codes, but they are missing from your WorkFlows menus.