

RSACat Library of Things Search Limit Created February 13, 2020

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.

The screenshot shows the Normal Public Library RSACat website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Log In | My Account | My Lists | Select Language | Accessibility | Help' and the 'RSACat Libraries Delivered' logo. Below this is a search bar with a dropdown menu currently set to 'Normal PL (All Items)'. A green arrow points to this dropdown, which is open, showing a list of search limit options: 'All RSA Libraries (All Items)', 'All RSA Libraries (No eBooks)', 'eBooks & eAudiobooks Only', 'Normal PL (All Items)', 'Normal PL (Juvenile Items Only)', 'Normal PL (No eBooks)', 'Normal PL (Library of Things)' (highlighted in blue), '* Search for Audio Books (All Libraries)', '* Search for Books (All Libraries)', '* Search for Large Print (All Libraries)', '* Search for Magazines / Periodicals (All Libraries)', and '* Search for Music (All Libraries)'. To the right of the dropdown, there is a search button and an 'Advanced Search' link. Below the search bar, there is a section for 'Normal PL New Book like Items' featuring a book titled 'CHANGE IS THE ONLY CONSTANT: THE WISDOM OF CALCULUS IN A MADCAP WORLD' by Ben Orlin. Below this, there is a carousel of book covers including 'The Catcher in the Rye', 'The Hobbit', and 'The Lord of the Rings'. At the bottom of the page, there is a banner that says 'Download The New RSACat Mobile App!'.

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.

The screenshot shows the Normal Public Library website search interface. The search limit is set to "Normal PL (Library of Things)". The search results show 104 items found, including "Risk: the game of strategic conquest" and "Miller Park Zoo pass".

Normal Public Library | Log In | My Account | My Lists | Select Language | |

Normal PL (Library of Things) | All Fields | | | [Advanced Search](#)

Limit Search Results

Format Select an Action

Equipment
 Kit
 Realia / Misc. Item
 Toy

Reading Level Adult
 Equipment
 Juvenile
 Young Adult

Publication Date

2015 (10)
 2018 (10)
 2012 (9)
 2017 (9)
 2016 (7)

Subject

Library of things. (103)
 Board games. (66)
 Games. (40)
 Puzzles and games. (35)
 Educational games. (19)

104 Results Found searching Normal PL (Library of Things) 1 2 3 4 5 .. 9

Normal PL (Library of Things) (104) eBooks, eAudiobooks, e-Learning Resources All RSA Libraries

1. **Risk : the game of strategic conquest.**
 Added Author Hasbro, Inc.,
 Call Number: GAME RISK
 Publication Date 2015
 Summary: A board game of military strategy where players lead their armies as they sweep across continents to launch attacks against other players. There are 3 ways to play: basic training (a quick and easy way to play), command room (a fast paced strategy game), and world conquest (an updated edition of the classic game).
 Format Game
 Holds: 0
 System Copies: 1 - Available: 1

2. **Miller Park Zoo pass.**
 Added Author Miller Park Zoo (Bloomington, Ill.)
 Call Number: Z PASS #1
 Publication Date 2019
 Summary: Miller Park Zoo offers many exhibits and Zookeeper interaction opportunities that can be enjoyed by the whole family.
 Format Passes & Tickets
 Holds: 13

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.