



# Library of Things:

Making sustainable choices practical and accessible

Webinar: Life Quality & Municipalities  
Slot: Creating good framework conditions

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A green and black cordless power drill is shown vertically, pointing upwards. The drill has a black chuck and a green body with black accents. The handle is green with black grip sections. The background is a plain, light-colored surface.

**CAN WE ADOPT  
GREENER HABITS  
THAT ARE NOT  
ONLY GOOD FOR  
THE PLANET...**

**...BUT ALSO MAKE  
OUR LIFE EASIER?**

**NAJNOVEJŠI TREND NA  
PODROČJU SOUPORABE:**

KNJIŽNICA  
**REČI**

**VIŠEČI STOL** 0,00 € \*

**KAMPIRANJE** 0,00 € \*

**KOŠARA ZA PIKNIK** 0,00 € \*

**NE SPREGLEJTE!**

**PLAVALNA OPREMA** 0,00 € \*

**STROJČEK ZA TESTENINE** 0,00 € \*

**ORODJE** 0,00 € \*

**ZAKAJ SE NISEM VČLANJENA V KNJIŽNICO REČI?!**

\* ZA ČLANE KNJIŽNICE REČI



**KAJ JE KNJIŽNICA REČI?**  
Knjižnica REČI je brezplačna in  
zastonjna storitev za vse, ki  
poveča, in omogoča dostopnost  
kvalitetne literature.

**KAKO SI UDELEŽNIK REČI?**  
- Za člana knjižnice REČI je potrebno  
prejeto članstvo.  
- Za več informacij o članstvu  
poglej na str. 14.

**KAKO POSTATI ČLAN?**  
Nove članove  
prejeto članstvo in članstvo  
15/16. ZLJA. In po točki na naši  
strani na spletni strani ali v prostoru  
knjižnice REČI.  
- brezplačno za vse fizične osebe  
18+.  
- možno članstvo, ki stane nič! (0,00 €)

\* Članstvo v knjižnici REČI stane 0,00 €.

**KJE SMO?**  
Knjižnica REČI  
je na glavni cesti v  
Ljubljani, na  
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in na spletni strani  
www.knjiznica.si



**ODKUPNI ČAS**  
ponedeljek - petek: 10:00 - 18:00  
sobota: 9:00 - 15:00 in 16:00 - 19:00  
nedelja: 10:00 - 15:00

**INTERFON** - KATA ANČIČ  
knjižnica REČI  
2 - Sveti duha 10, 27 - Ljubla  
1118, 22 - Ljubla

# A new form of community service inspired by the public library model

borrowing items that we only need  
occasionally

=

saving time, money, and space (for the  
user)

=

responsible use of limited natural  
resources and preventing waste  
generation (for society)

=

creating a more resource-efficient and  
connected city (for municipalities)



# BORROWING PROCESS

**simple borrowing system:**  
online catalog, easy tracking

**affordable for everyone:**  
free for members, symbolic fees for non-members

**flexible membership:**  
item donation, membership fee or volunteering



# TOP ITEMS

electric tools /projector and screen / overlock  
sewing machine / food dehydrator / metal  
detector / beer benches / high pressure  
cleaner / steam cleaner ...





# COMMUNITY LIVING ROOM

free space rental

events organized by individuals not operating under the auspices of associations, institutes, or other organizations

5-10 weekly events



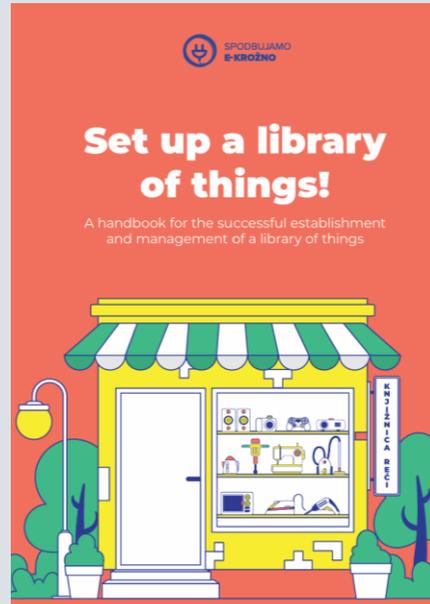
# POPRAV'C

repair shop for electrical and electronic devices modeled after Repair Café

bringing back lost skills and overcoming fears

every second Friday in Library of Things

in 2024 203 appliances with 70% success rate



# LIBRARY OF THINGS

- + NGO
- + youth center
- + public library
- + social enterprise
- + re-use center
- + scouts
- +
- +
- +





# LOT x MUNICIPALITIES

## WHY?

### **supporting UN SDGs**

Aligns with Reduced Inequalities, Sustainable Cities and Communities, Responsible Consumption and Production, Climate Action

### **strengthening community resilience**

Encourages sharing, repair culture and local self-sufficiency.

### **changing the narrative**

Shifts focus from the urgency of behavioral change to its practical benefits.

## HOW?

- mapping potential hosts
- financial support
- providing space
- facilitating knowledge-transfer
- spreading the word



# LOT + PUBLIC LIBRARY

## greater access, greater impact

Libraries reach diverse communities and make sharing easy & familiar.

## strengthening libraries with sustainability

Expands library services beyond books.

## ready-to-use infrastructure

Existing lending systems & spaces make implementation simple.

## the first Slovenian public libraries with a LoT department:

France Bevk Public Library Nova Gorica & Miran Jarc Public Library Novo mesto





# LOT + RE-USE CENTER

## **shared vision for sustainability**

Both promote reuse, waste reduction and responsible resource management.

## **expanding services**

Makes high-value items accessible to more people through borrowing instead of selling.

## **efficient use of existing resources**

Operates within existing staff & space, making it cost-effective.

## **the first Slovenian re-use center with a LoT:**

Re-use center Velenje

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