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LA County Library Announces the Launch of The Tool Lending Library on May 3

Borrow Tools for Free at Five LA County Library Locations

LOS ANGELES COUNTY (May 3, 2022) — LA County Library is excited to announce the launch of the Tool Lending Library, a program that provides the community opportunities to check out tools and maker items at no cost.

Starting Tuesday, May 3, LA County Library will offer tool lending to customers at 5 locations: Compton, Lancaster, Norwalk, Rosemead, and San Fernando.

The inventory includes hammers, wrenches, electrical cords, cookware, sewing machines, gardening tools, power tools, and much more. The tools vary by participating library.

As part of the program, special virtual and in-person events related to tool lending will be offered to enhance the customer experience, offering tips on using the borrowable tools. Event topics will include sewing, gardening, building, repair, and more.

LA County Library cardholders over the age of 18 are eligible to borrow from the Tool Lending Library. Tools can be checked out for 7 days and cannot be renewed. The terms for borrowing tools are subject to the Tool Lending Library <u>Borrower Agreement</u>.

"We are so excited to offer the Tool Lending Library to our customers and host complementary events that will help them learn new skills and complete new and existing projects," said LA County Library Director Skye Patrick.

For more information and availability, including a catalog of tools available to borrow, visit <u>LACountyLibrary.org/tools</u>.

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About LA County Library

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and internet access, and educational and recreational services to 3.4 million residents across 3,000 square miles through its 85 community libraries, 1 institutional library, and mobile fleet of 15 vehicles, including 4 Bookmobiles, 6 MākMō (maker mobiles), 3 early literacy vehicles, and 2 mobile outreach vehicles. LA County Library is dedicated to reducing barriers and increasing access to and equity of public services for all. To learn more, visit LACountyLibrary.org and follow @LACountyLibrary on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube.

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