

A ukulele is one of many items that are available for checkout in the Library of Things.

Library of Things Offers Unique Borrowing Options

For anyone who has ever wanted to try something that looks like fun but it requires specialized equipment—or maybe learn about an item that might be outside the current budget—the Helmke Library at Purdue University Fort Wayne may be able to help through its new “**Library of Things**.”

From an idea by Shannon Johnson, the library’s director, the staff spent the summer brainstorming and collecting items such as hand tools, baking equipment, an Instant Pot, knitting needles, and a ukulele. There’s also a yoga mat, a handheld steamer, a four-person tent, and an air fryer, along with plenty of how-to books for instructions.

The Library of Things doesn’t include the ingredients, but it does have oven mitts. There’s a cooler, but not the drinks to go in it. The hand tools don’t include a drill as of yet, but they should suffice in putting together economical, flat-pack furniture.

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Open Forums Scheduled for Chief of Police Candidates

All members of the Purdue Fort Wayne campus community are invited to attend open forums for PFW chief of police candidates from 3 to 3:50 p.m. on the following dates:

- Candidate 1: Thursday | Neff Hall, Room 101
- Candidate 2: Friday | Helmke Library IDEASpace
- Candidate 3: Sept. 13 | Helmke Library IDEASpace
- Candidate 4: Sept. 15 | Helmke Library IDEASpace

All of the open forums will take place in person and will not be available to view online.

Chief Tim Potts is set to retire at the end of October.

Important Honors Program Information

Faculty members are encouraged to share and discuss this information with students who may benefit from it. Each of these Honors Program deadlines is Friday (Sept. 8):

- **H-Option contracts:** Contact Farah Combs, program director, to start the contract.
- **Fall Honors Scholarship applications:** Begin the **application process** and access the information about the **different scholarships**. Students must have successfully completed at least three PFW honors credits to be eligible to apply for honors scholarships.
- **Honors Project Proposals:** Graduating seniors pursuing the Honors Certificate must start the **application process** to complete the form electronically. More information is **available here**.

Fall 2023 Honors Project Showcase presentations will be held in the Honors Center in Helmke Library, Room 211, on Dec. 1. Questions? Contact Combs at combsf@pfw.edu.



4 Weeks Until the Mastodon Family Picnic; RSVP Today!

Celebrate the Herd at PFW's second annual picnic for faculty, staff, and their families—the **Mastodon Family Picnic**. Mark your calendars for Oct. 1 from 1 to 4 p.m. on the Alumni Plaza, next to the Mastodon Statue.

In addition to traditional picnic fare and fun games for everyone, you can catch live music from the Fort Wayne Funk Orchestra, a local band known for their funk, hip-hop, rap, and soul tunes. The Mastodon Watering Hole will also have a cash bar for guests 21 and older. Visit the **event website** to learn more.

RSVP by Sept. 26.

Summit Scholars Meet and Greet

You're invited to welcome the new **Chapman** and **Doermer Distinguished** Scholars at a Summit Scholars Meet and Greet on Wednesday from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

The event will take place in the Honors Center Student Lounge, located on the second floor of Helmke Library. Help celebrate their pursuit of knowledge and the start of their transformative journey.

Good to Know

Omnibus Tickets

The release of tickets for all Omnibus series appearances typically happens two weeks—14 days—before the scheduled event. Tickets are free on a first-come, first-served basis and available through the university's **online ticketing platform**, or at the **Schatzlein Box Office**, starting at the time the box office opens that particular day. Read more about the 2023–24 season and getting tickets by **clicking here**.

Featured Events

*There's always plenty to do at Purdue Fort Wayne. Some opportunities are exclusive to university employees and their families. Check the full **events calendar** often to see what's happening on campus.*

SEPTEMBER

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Wed., noon–1 p.m.

Employee Yoga: In-Person and Virtual Class

Take a mid-day break and discover the benefits of a yoga practice. Participants of all levels, including those who have never tried yoga, are encouraged to join...

SEPTEMBER

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Thurs., 1:30–2:30 p.m.

Employee Well-being at Work: Teatime

Take a 10-minute break from work to sample teas and learn about the benefits of tea drinking. Attendees will receive a free mug...

In a Snap

Seen and noted around campus. Monitor our university social feeds for more great moments of Mastodon life.

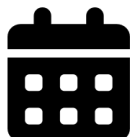


The Student Activities Board foam at the disco party always bubbles over with musical fun! This year's event took place Wednesday at Student Housing on the Waterfield Campus.

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