

## USL Kits Collection Development Policy

### **Audience Served -**

The USL Technology kit collection serves the people of Utah through providing kits for librarians across the state and by cultivating a comprehensive collection of materials containing technology and emerging technology. A special focus is on the library staff and professionals in Utah's libraries. The technology kit collection aims to provide this audience with a dynamic and relevant collection of materials to support them in their professional development.

### **Character of the collection**

Have an engaging kit that will be both educational and fun. Utilizing emerging and experimental technologies and concepts, users will be able to create interesting projects utilizing the resources provided in the kit. Not only will this allow for creative and computational thinking, using this kit will build marketable critical thinking skills.

Kit Definition: A kit is a set of materials or equipment that are packaged together for a specific purpose. The Library carries kits for librarians to check out and creates kits for staff to use in their programming and outreach activities. Any library kit created for external use, should meet a specific community need and should support the library's vision and goals. Internal kits should support specific programming and outreach efforts.

### **Selection criteria summary**

Materials for the kit collection are selected based on the following criteria:

1. Materials related to tech;
2. Technological value to advancing marketable skills
3. Target audience and access to technology
4. Reliability, usability, and reputation of the brand
5. Affordability and projected costs

### **Deselection Policy**

In order to provide a current, accurate and useful collection in those topics that are time-sensitive (health, social sciences, technology), the Utah State Library will perform regular deselection of materials based on the following criteria:

1. Discard tech after three to five years or 100 circulations.
2. If damaged, the equipment should be reviewed and a decision should be made after the review to retain or discard
3. Outdated—If a new version of the technology is released, the models should be assessed to see if the changes warrant replacement while being fiscally responsible.
4. Superseded—by a new edition or a much better version of the technology
5. Trivial—of no discernible literary or scientific merit;
6. Irrelevant to the needs or interests of the library's community;

7. Low Usage—Usage drops below acceptable.