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**NORTH COAST FOOD WEB ANNOUNCES FOOD BUSINESS AND PRESERVATION
ITEMS AVAILABLE IN ASTORIA'S NEW LIBRARY OF THINGS:**

North Coast Food Web partners with Astoria Public Library, and OSU Extension to provide food business items to Astoria's new Library of Things.

Astoria, OR – North Coast Food Web celebrates the opening of Astoria Public Library's new Library of Things and the beginning of growing season with a Community Seed Swap March 29th 12-4pm at the Lower Columbia Preservation Society in downtown Astoria.

Library of Things are collections of items that can be checked out from a library just like a book, providing library patrons with free equipment rentals for limited time periods. In the case of food preservation equipment, this lowers the cost of entry into commercial food production substantially and also allows for more people to preserve their own food at home. With the foundational support from the Autzen Foundation, North Coast Food Web is able to provide \$5,000 worth of equipment to this new community resource.

OSU Extension, another partner in this project, collaborates with public libraries across the state of Oregon, facilitating food preservation-focused Library of Things collections. This will be the first Library of Things resource in Clatsop County to provide food business support equipment, and will have equipment that can be used to support clamming, fishing, baking, canning, fermenting, fruit processing, and dehydrating efforts.

To learn more about the North Coast Food Web, visit <https://www.northcoastfoodweb.org/> or contact Jesse Jones, Executive Director, at jesse@northcoastfoodweb.org or 503-468-0921.

To learn more about the Astoria Public Library, visit <https://www.astorialibrary.org> or contact Suzanne Harold, Library Director, at sharold@astoria.gov or 503-440-5415.

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