ALLOWABLE MATERIALS LIST
COMMUNITY COMMONS

Materials **must** be approved by staff before you can use them in the equipment and **must** be in their original packaging (or staff may require proof of purchase). We recommend that you contact staff to approve your materials ahead of your visit; any materials not on this list will **not** be allowed inside the equipment. If you bring non-usable materials to your visit, you will not be able to start your project.

You can email makers@wblib.org with a photo of your materials and a brief description of what they are and we will be able to let you know if they are compatible with the equipment ahead of time. If you have any questions about materials, please email us.

SUBLIMATION PRINTER & HEAT PRESSES

ALLOWED MATERIALS:

- FABRICS: Fabrics must be, at a minimum, 65% polyester. At 65%, images will not appear vibrant; they will be faded and will fade more in the washing machine until the image eventually wears off. The higher the polyester percentage, the more vibrant the image will appear and the longer lasting it will be. We recommend the highest polyester percentage you can find (90% to 100%). Fabrics must be white or very light colored—dark colors do not work with the sublimation process.
- NON-FABRICS: Most sublimation blanks work. Search your preferred retailer for “sublimation blanks.”

Note: We offer guidelines on time and temperature, but sublimation is an art, not a science. We **strongly** recommend you bring enough material of the same type so that you can test to see how you like the results before you work on the final product. We may have some test materials available, but that is not a guarantee. The library cannot guarantee a successful outcome of your project, **particularly if you do not test your materials first.**

BUTTON MACHINE

ALLOWED MATERIALS:

- You may bring your own button making materials to use with the machines. We have American Button Machines equipment, both punches and button makers, in the following sizes: 1 inch, 1.5 inch, and 2.25 inch.