



## 3D Printer Policy

### Purpose

The Fitchburg Public Library offers 3D printing services to patrons. This policy establishes how and under what circumstances the public may use the Library's 3D printers.

### 3D Printer Use

The Library's 3D printers are available to the public to make plastic three-dimensional objects, using a design that is uploaded from a digital computer file.

- I. The Library's 3D printers may be used only for lawful purposes. The public will not be permitted to use the Library's 3D printers to create material that is:
  - a. Prohibited by local, state or federal law.
  - b. Unsafe, harmful, dangerous or poses an immediate threat to the well-being of others.
  - c. Obscene or otherwise inappropriate for the Library environment.
  - d. In violation of another's intellectual property rights. The printers will not be used to reproduce material that is subject to copyright, patent or trademark protection.
- II. The Library reserves the right to refuse any 3D print request.
- III. Only designated Library staff will have hands-on access to the 3D printer.
- IV. Except in cases of mechanical failure, objects failing to fully print, errors in the print process, or other factors not in a patron's control, patrons are expected to pay for completed objects and may not demand a new print in place of the original due to dissatisfaction with color, scale, quality, design, required support material, or other options pre-selected by the patron.

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