



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 printing service.

3D Printer Use

The Library's 3D printer is available for the public to make plastic three-dimensional objects, using a design that is submitted in the form of 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. 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. In cases of mechanical failure, objects failing to fully print, errors in the print process, or other factors not in a patron's control, payment is not required.
- V. Time to receive completed print(s) may vary based on demand and staff availability.

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