Harford County Public Library

3D Printing Guidelines

The Library offers 3D printers to inspire creativity and skills building for educational and economic development. These guidelines establish how and under what circumstance the public may use the Library’s 3D printers.

The Library’s 3D printers are available to the public to create three-dimensional objects in plastic filament using a design that is uploaded from a computer file.

The Library’s 3D printers may only be used for lawful purposes. The 3D printers will not be permitted to be used to create material that is:

1. prohibited by local, state and/or federal law;
2. unsafe, harmful, dangerous or poses an immediate threat to the well-being of others;
3. obscene or otherwise inappropriate for the Library environment; and/or
4. in violation of another’s intellectual property rights. For example, the 3D printers will not be used to mass reproduce material that is subject to copyright, patent or trademark protection.

The Library reserves the right to refuse any 3D print request and to establish time limits on customer use of the 3D printers and accompanying computer equipment.

The Library considers safety a top priority and 3D printing is designed for children in 6th grade and up and adults. An adult must accompany younger children.

Guidelines governing the use of the Library’s 3D printers are subject to change. Please contact the library staff at the location you are interested in using the 3D printer service for updates.

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