

3D PRINTING POLICY

In the interest of offering the community access to new and emerging technologies, the Middle Country Public Library will provide 3D printing as a staff mediated service.

Patrons wishing to have a project printed on the library's 3D printer must submit their request using a form on the library's web page. Library staff shall review the request to ensure that it does not violate the restrictions set forth below, and that the library's printer is capable of printing the supplied design.

No project shall be printed that library staff determine is:

- Prohibited by local, state, or federal law.
- Unsafe, harmful, dangerous, or posing a threat to others including weapons, parts of weapons, and life-like replicas of weapons.
- Obscene or otherwise inappropriate for the library environment.
- In violation of intellectual property rights such as copyright, trademark, or patent protection.

In addition to the above restrictions, the library reserves the right to refuse any 3D print request.

Pricing starts at \$0.05 per gram of filament, as reported by slicing software before printing. Specialty materials or colors may cost more based on the cost of the library to purchase the materials. All prices are subject to change. Refunds will not be permitted. Patrons may drop off their own spool of filament to be printed at no cost, however the library is not responsible for lost material due to print failures, waste, or any other circumstance. All materials must be approved by an Innovation Space staff member before being dropped off.

Most 3D prints are completed within 14 days of submission and approval. Patrons will be notified when their print job has finished and the project is ready to be picked up. Projects should be picked up within 7 days of receiving this notification; any project not picked up within 14 days will be discarded, and the cost will be recorded as a fine on the patron's library record.

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