

3D Printing Policy

Normal Public Library

3D printing is available for any visitor to the Normal Public Library at no cost.

- Printing is available on a first come, first served basis and is completed by library staff. Priority printing is given to library use, classes, and events.
- Persons wanting to print should bring a file on a USB flash drive to the library during open hours. Staff will add the model to the printing queue.
- File must be submitted in .STL format.
- The object must be smaller than 3" x 3" x 3" (length, width, height), unless otherwise approved by staff.
- Only one print request at a time will be accepted. (Print job must be picked up before submitting another print request.)
- Patrons will be notified by email or phone when print job is finished. The library recognizes that an original design is the property of the designer and designs will not be duplicated for others.
- Items printed with the library 3D printer that are not picked up within 7 days will be recycled. Items must be picked up by the requesting party.

The Normal Public Library's 3D printer may be used for lawful purposes only. The public will not be permitted to use the library's 3D printer to create material that is:

- Prohibited by local, state or federal law.
- Unsafe, harmful, dangerous or poses an immediate threat to the well-being of others. (Such use may violate the terms of use of the manufacturer.)
- Obscene or otherwise inappropriate for the library environment, dictated by community standards.
- In violation of another's intellectual property rights. For example, the printer will not be used to reproduce material that is subject to copyright, patent or trademark protection. The library reserves the right to refuse any 3D print request if it feels it infringes on existing copyright.

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