

Hickory Public Library 3D Printing Policy

Hickory Public Library makes 3D printing available to members of the public for a fee. The Library's 3D printers are available to make three-dimensional objects in plastic using a design that is uploaded from a digital computer file.

1. The Library's 3D printers may be used only for lawful purposes. They may not be used to create weapons or to create materials that are:
 - Prohibited by local, state or federal law.
 - Unsafe, harmful, dangerous or pose an immediate threat to the well-being of others.
 - Obscene or otherwise inappropriate for the Library environment.
 - In violation of another's intellectual property rights. For example, the printers will not be used to reproduce material that is subject to copyright, patent or trademark protection.
2. The Library reserves the right to refuse any print request.
3. Only Library staff and volunteers will have hands-on access to 3D printing equipment.
4. Priority for printing will be given to Library programs and events.
5. Costs are determined based on the amount of materials used. A current fee schedule is available on the Library's website.
6. Charges must be paid at the time of pickup. Refunds are not given. Items not picked up within 7 days become the property of the Library.
7. Files will be deleted from the system when each print job is complete.

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