Gilford Public Library

3D Printing Policy

Gilford Public Library provides access to 3D printing for its patrons. 3D printing is a technology with a broad range of applications, including product prototyping, science education, and entertainment. The 3D printer is available to make three-dimensional objects in plastic using a design that is uploaded from a digital computer file.   The following policy establishes guidelines by which the 3D printer can be used:

1. Use of the 3D Printer is at the discretion of library staff. The library reserves the right to deny use of the equipment. Patrons may not create material that is:
    a. Illegal under local, state, or federal law
    b. Unsafe, harmful, or dangerous
    c. Obscene or otherwise inappropriate for the Library's environment
    d. In violation of another's intellectual property rights. Responsibility for possible copyright or other intellectual property infringement lies solely with the user and the Library disclaims any responsibility or liability resulting therefrom. The person requesting used of the 3D printer is liable for any infringement.

2. The library does not guarantee a successful print. Unless the print fails to finish, the cost of the completed print, regardless of quality, will still be charged. If a print fails, it may be attempted two more times.

3. Items must be picked up by the individual who printed them. Items not picked up after one week (7 days) will become the property of Gilford Public Library. Jobs will be printed in a public setting and the library provides no guarantee of privacy while the job is being completed.

4. Only designated Library staff and volunteers will have hands-on access to the 3D printer.

Procedure:

Patrons may design, scan, image, create or download their own models for use on the 3D Printer; library staff is available for **assistance only** and only as time allows.

When ready to print, staff will initiate printing or put the printer on reserve for printing queue and prints must have an estimated print time of 24 hours or less.

The cost for printing is $.15 per gram of plastic based on printed weight not finished weight. Printed weight may include rafts and supports necessary to print your model correctly, but are removed when print is finished so printed weight will be more than the model's finished weight. Printed weight can be found in the 3D printing software before sending the print.

In the event that the Library hosts a program using the 3d printer, Library prints will take precedence over patron prints.

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