

Tazewell County Public Library 3D Printer Policy

Tazewell County Public Library provides access to new and emerging technologies. This policy establishes how and under what circumstances the public may use the Library's 3D printer(s).

The Library's 3D printers are available to the public to make three-dimensional objects in plastic using a design that is uploaded from a digital computer file. The Library's 3D printing service is designed for patron enjoyment and creativity, not for production or manufacturing.

1. The Library's 3D printers may be used only for lawful purposes. The user will not be permitted to use the Library's 3D printers to create material that:
 - a. Is prohibited by local, state, or federal law;
 - b. Looks like, functions as, or appears to function as weapons or parts thereof;
 - c. Appears unsafe, harmful, dangerous, or poses a threat to the well-being of others;
 - d. May be construed as obscene or otherwise inappropriate for the Library environment;
 - e. Potentially is in violation of another's intellectual property rights.
2. The Library reserves the right to refuse any 3D print request.
3. The Library reserves the right to refuse to print large numbers of identical objects.
4. The use of the 3D printer does not constitute knowledge, or acknowledgement by Library staff, of any unapparent final use of the 3D product, and the Library specifically disclaims any knowledge thereof.
5. Any individual using the Library's 3D printer assumes all responsibility for, and shall hold the Library harmless in, all matters related to the individual's use of the 3D printer, including but not limited to violations of patent, trademark and/or copyright law.
6. Fees: It costs \$1.00 to start a print, plus \$0.15 per gram filament used.
7. When your print is completed, you will be notified by the library that you have an item on hold available for pick up.
8. Objects must be picked up within fourteen (14) calendar days following notification.
9. The Library is not responsible for removing any supports and/or rafts or making refinements.
10. Because of inherent limitations with equipment, the Tazewell County Public Library does not guarantee that any 3D model will print successfully. If a print fails due to Library staff error or hardware failure, the Library will attempt to reprint the object, and the patron will not be charged for the failed attempt, except as stated

in the next paragraph. The Library may refuse to reprint the object after two unsuccessful attempts.

11. The Library may refuse to print 3D models that clearly contain errors or that are, as determined by Library staff, beyond the capabilities of the Library's equipment. The cost of failed prints due to errors within the 3D model and 3D models that are beyond the equipment's capabilities may be charged to the patron.

Policy approved by the TCPL Board of Trustees on March 19, 2026

AGREEMENT

By signing this Policy, I indicate that I have read and understand the terms of this Policy and agree to abide by it when using the equipment.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

If under 18:

Parent or Legal Guardian's Printed Name

Signature

Date