

Rutherford County Library System 3D Printing Policy

1. 3D printing technology may be used only for lawful purposes. No one will be permitted to use 3D printing technology to create material that is:
 - a. Prohibited by state or federal law;
 - b. Unsafe, harmful or dangerous or posing an immediate threat to the well-being of others;
 - c. Obscene or otherwise inappropriate for the library environment;
 - d. In violation of another's intellectual property rights, including material that is subject to patent, copyright or trademark protection.
2. Users of library 3D printing technology agree to assume all responsibility for, and shall hold the library harmless in, all matters related to patented, trademarked or copyrighted materials.
3. Users of library 3D printing technology agree to assume all responsibility for, and shall hold the library harmless for, any injury to persons or property arising from the use of objects made on the library's 3D printer.
4. The library reserves the right to refuse any 3D printing request.
5. The library reserves the right to set time limits for printer use; establish time frames in which printers can be used; and require appointments to use a printer.
6. The library reserves the right to set fees for 3D printing to recoup cost of materials.
7. The library reserves the right to require individuals who wish to use library 3D printing technology to attend a library-sponsored class or classes prior to using a printer.
8. The library reserves the right to require 3D printing technology to be used under staff supervision.
9. The library cannot guarantee the build quality/stability of any 3D printed item. Refunds/reprints will be offered only in the case of printer malfunction.
10. The library is not responsible for any damage or loss arising from the use of its 3D printing technology, or for the functionality or quality of items produced using its 3D printer(s).
11. If an item is printed for later pickup, the item becomes the property of the library if not picked up within 7 days.
12. Designated library staff members will assist the public with navigation of 3D printing technology. Decisions and judgments by designated staff members in regards to this policy are final.