

Voorheesville Public Library 3D Printer Policy

The Voorheesville Public Library offers public access to emerging technologies for members to expand their creative digital skills. The library's Maker Bot Sketch Sprint 3D printer is able to make three-dimensional objects in PLA plastic using a design that is uploaded from a digital computer file.

1. The library's 3D printer may be used only for lawful purposes, and may not be used to create any materials which are:
 - a. Prohibited by local, state or federal law.
 - b. Unsafe, harmful, dangerous, or posing a threat to the well-being of others.
 - c. Obscene or otherwise inappropriate for the library environment.
 - d. In violation of intellectual property rights. For example, the printer may not reproduce materials which are subject to copyright, patent, or trademark protection.

The library reserves the right to review and approve all materials before printing. All printing is overseen by library staff, by appointment, or during planned 3D printing programs. The 3D design may be examined to ensure compliance with this policy and is capable of production. If there is a problem with the design and/or production, the patron will be informed of the problem(s) and the change(s) needed before the design can be printed. The library cannot guarantee that a print job will be completed within a particular time frame. Voorheesville Public Library is not responsible for the quality of items produced in the 3D printer. The library recognizes that an original design is the property of the designer, and we will not duplicate that design for someone else.

The library reserves all rights to:

Refuse any 3D print requests.

Stop printing a request due to time or printer capabilities.

Set a limit as to the maximum amount of time or print job may take.

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Adjust charges for materials as necessary.

Limit the number of print requests.

Limit access to 3D printing services to Voorheesville Public Library cardholders.

Should you wish to appeal a decision made by library staff regarding the denial of content created with our 3D printer, you may do so by submitting a Request for Reconsideration form.

Please be aware that 3D printing may occur within public space. The library does not make any promise that any particular print job will be shielded from view. The identity of the person requesting the job falls under the same legal protection that extends to the privacy of the intellectual content for borrowers of library materials.

Supervision by library staff or volunteers does not constitute knowledge, or acknowledgement, of any unapparent final use of the 3D product, and the library specifically disclaims any knowledge thereof.

Printing fees as January 2026: \$.05 per gram of filament (plastic) used.

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