

3D Printing Policy

The San Francisco Public Library makes 3D printing available to youth to support the understanding of new technology.

The library's 3D printers may be used only for lawful purposes. They may not be used to create weapons or materials that:

- Are prohibited by local, state, or federal law
- Are unsafe, harmful, dangerous, or which pose an immediate threat to the well-being of others
- Are inappropriate for the library environment
- Violate property rights, i.e., the printers will not be used to reproduce objects or materials that are subject to copyright, patent, or trademark protection.

All 3D printing requests must fulfill the library's requirements:

- The print file submitted must be sent in .stl format.
- Only one print request per person will be accepted and printed at a time.
- Submissions by one person must not exceed one request per every two weeks.
- The print object must not exceed 7.8 x 9.9 x 5.9 inches. Requests for multiple units or larger scale items will not be considered.
- Printing is available on a first-come, first-served basis and is coordinated by the San Francisco Public Library staff. Priority printing will be given to library programs and events, and to first-time requests.
- Library staff will review every object file before it is printed, and the library reserves the right to refuse any 3D print request.
- The nature of 3D printing does not allow complete member privacy, but the library will not share information about a member's legal activities with third parties.

- The printer will only print an object in a single color unless it is a blended filament. Color preferences may be submitted, but the library will determine the color of the filament based on availability.
- Print jobs take an average of two weeks to complete. Due to the amount of time it takes to print an object, the number of requests received and staff availability, the library will not guarantee that a print job will be ready on a specific day.
- The Library is not responsible for failed 3D prints, although we will do our best to assist in completing successful 3D prints.
- San Francisco Public Library will not be liable for functional failure, injuries or property damage caused 3D printed objects. 3D printers shall not be used to make things that could prove harmful, or that may result in significant cost to the user if they fail.