3-D Printer Policy

3-D printers are being used for educational, workshop and programming purposes to make three-dimensional objects using a design uploaded from a digital computer file. The Library’s 3-D printers may be used by the public subject to the following conditions:

1. Use of a 3-D printer is limited to Ferguson Library library cardholders who are 8 years of age or older. Users under the age of 10 years must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

2. Prior to his or her initial use of a 3-D printer, an individual must submit to prescribed orientation by a library staff member or volunteer.

3. Users of the 3-D printer are responsible for their own safety and must sign a Waiver of Liability in favor of the Library before their first use of the printer. A copy of the Waiver of Liability form is attached to this Policy.

4. Print sessions are generally limited to 2 hours. Users can request extended usage under special circumstances. Decisions regarding such requests are at the sole discretion of staff.

5. At present, there is no charge for use of the 3-D printer.
6. The Library’s 3-D printers may be used only for lawful purposes. Users are not permitted to use the printers to create material that is:

- Prohibited by local, state or federal law.
- Unsafe, harmful, dangerous, poses an immediate threat to the well-being of others or that is otherwise inappropriate for a library environment.
- In violation of another’s intellectual property rights.

7. The Library reserves the right to refuse any request to use the 3-D printers.

8. It is the responsibility of users to remove or delete any of their files from Library equipment. The Library is not responsible for equipment or files left behind.

9. The Library is not responsible for the loss of data or information, nor for liability that occurs as a result of the use of its 3-D printers.

10. Users are responsible for any equipment that is damaged due to their negligence and will be subject to charges for the cost to repair or replace it.