

STC CREATIVE & EQUIPMENT USE POLICY

The St. Charles Public Library District (Library) designed STC Creative, a makerspace, to provide opportunities for patrons to craft using traditional tools and, new and emerging technologies. The Library offers access to space, technology, tools, equipment, guidance and training to help the community bring creations to life.

STC Creative is available to St. Charles Public Library card holders.

- 1) The STC Creative space, tools and equipment may be used only for lawful purposes. Tools provided by the Library may not be used to create weapons or material that is:
 - a) Prohibited by local, state, or federal law.
 - b) Unsafe, harmful, dangerous or poses an immediate threat to the well-being of others.
 - c) Inappropriate for the Library environment.
 - d) In violation of intellectual property rights. For example, the equipment will not be used to reproduce material that is subject to copyright, patent or trademark protection.
- 2) The Library reserves the right to refuse support and the creation of any project.
- 3) The Library is not responsible for failed projects.
- 4) The Library will not be liable for functional failure, property damage, or injuries caused by objects or materials made through the use of STC Creative. The Library strongly recommends that STC Creative tools and equipment not be used to make things that could prove harmful, or that would result in significant cost to the user if they fail.
- 5) Material: Some materials may be purchased, at cost, from the Library. Specific pricing will be made available on the Library website or in person at the Technology Help Desk.
- 6) Food and drink are not permitted within STC Creative.
- 7) The Library requires patrons to go through the Certification process in order to be able to independently use equipment in STC Creative. Some tools and equipment, including the 3D printers, may require designated Library Staff to assist or operate, independent of one's skill or outside experience.

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