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## Free 3D Printer Access at Yolo County Library

(Woodland, CA) – Yolo County Library is offering an exciting new service for library cardholders. Free 3D printer access is now available by appointment at the Arthur F. Turner Community Library in West Sacramento and the Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library in Davis. The Library also has a mobile 3D printer that will visit all six additional Yolo County Library locations on a monthly basis, starting with the Knights Landing Branch later in July.

3D printing, or additive manufacturing, is a process of making three-dimensional objects from a digital file, usually by adding successive layers of heated, extruded material. The printers can be used to build objects from figurines to jewelry to household tools. Individuals can custom design objects using 3D modeling software, or they can visit websites, such as [www.thingiverse.com](http://www.thingiverse.com), which provide design-ready objects for printing.

“The Library is excited to offer access to new and emerging technologies, such as 3D printers, to help community members bring their creations to life,” said Yolo County Librarian Mark Fink. “This hands-on learning opportunity will help bridge the gap between conceptual knowledge and reality.”

3D printer appointments are three-hours long and are available at the following locations:

**Arthur F. Turner Community Library**, located at 1212 Merkley Avenue in West Sacramento.

- Tuesdays: 4:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.
- Wednesdays: 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
- Thursdays: 4:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.
- Saturdays: 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

**Mary L. Stephens – Davis Branch Library**, located at 315 E. 14th Street in Davis.

- Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays: 5:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
- Thursdays: 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
- Saturdays: 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

Note: Appointments may be booked back-to-back for larger files.

For information on the upcoming dates and appointment times for the mobile 3D printer at the Knights Landing Branch Library, located at 42351 3<sup>rd</sup> St. in Knights Landing, please call (530) 735-6593.

To use a 3D printer, individuals must have: a Yolo County Library card in good standing, viewed the instructional video(s) found here: <https://tinyurl.com/YCL3Dprinter> and posted on the Library's website (or possess sufficient experience to use the equipment safely and appropriately), and signed a user agreement and liability waiver. Children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

This project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the California State Library, and the Friends of the Davis Public Library. For more information or to make an appointment, visit your local Yolo County Library branch or: [www.yolocountylibrary.org](http://www.yolocountylibrary.org). Connect with the Yolo County Library on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/yolocountylibrary.org](http://www.facebook.com/yolocountylibrary.org).

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