

# Friendswood Library Sublimation Printing Policy

The sublimation printer lets you create custom designs on items by combining heat, pressure, and a special dye. The heat and pressure turn the dye into a gas, which bonds with the surface of the item. This process creates vibrant, durable designs that won't crack, peel, or fade over time.

## 1. Cost and Payment

- The cost for sublimation printing is \$1.00 per printed page.
- Charges are collected via cash or check made out to *Friendswood Public Library*.

## 2. Patron Responsibilities

- The library provides the ink, paper, and heat press, while patrons are responsible for bringing their own sublimation compatible blanks. These must be made from white polyester or coated with a polymer designed for sublimation. Cotton and other materials will not work because the dye cannot bond with them. Suitable blanks can be found at craft stores such as Hobby Lobby or Michaels, as well as online retailers like Amazon.
- Library approval of blanks is required before printing. We have a standard heat press that works with flat items such as T-shirts, tote bags, and mouse pads. At this time, we can't accommodate curved items like mugs or tumblers.
- Designs must be provided in a supported format (JPG, PNG, or TIFF) and can be printed up to a maximum size of 8.5"x11". The library does not provide graphic design assistance, so patrons must ensure their designs are ready to print before their appointment.

## 3. Scheduling

- Sublimation printing is by appointment only. To schedule a time with the sublimation printer, email [rhaley@friendswood.com](mailto:rhaley@friendswood.com).

## 4. Usage Limitations

- The library is not set up to handle batch or commercial orders. While there is no strict limit, appointments are intended for small, individual projects. Large requests may be adjusted or declined to ensure fair access for all patrons.