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Konica Minolta Product Seminar

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I was invited to a seminar that demoed their software and hardware products. I was most interested in the Cube Pro Trio 3d Printer which was a couple notches up in features over their base model. The going price for this model is about \$4,400. This 3d printer unlike the entry level printer includes some nice extra design features. First impression is looks very safe. The it is designed with protective glass in the front and back to keep users from touching the 3d design as it's printing. Another nice feature is that the platen moves up and down unlike most 3d printers which also keeps the print area safe from accidents. The third and not the least important feature which makes it shine above entry level 3d printers is the option to add a water soluble element which can keep assorted 3d elements together without breaking apart during the print process. The big push for 3d design has begun and it would be nice to not be left behind since schools and other libraries have started purchasing them already. Is it necessary, no, but it would be nice to have such a modern device available for educational purposes.

The second item that caught my eye was the wide format printer they had displayed. My first thought when I saw the device was making all of our signs larger in-house. Wouldn't it be great if the patrons actually read some of the signs and posters we have here at the library. Wouldn't it be appealing to post fancier posters against our front windows with events or alternatively a rotating decora display that catches patron's eyes when they drive by the building? It was just a passing idea. The model they sell is a DesignJet Z5200 which sells for about \$4,500. Printers of this design can print in 2 ways:

Portrait Layout:	3 foot wide by unlimited height
Landscape Layout:	Unlimited width by 3 foot height

I am asked at times what might be of interest during grant applications, I was thinking maybe either of the 2 items above might be of possible interest in the future if we would like to expand our function. If we still aren't interested in spending so much money on either idea, other companies make entry level printers in both categories that can serve a lesser purpose.

It was nice to attend the seminar and it came across as food for thought.