

Northville District Library Meeting Room Policy

Purpose

Meeting Rooms in the Northville District Library provide an opportunity for bringing together the resources of the Library and the activities of the community for educational, cultural, civic, intellectual, and charitable purposes. Meeting Room space is available on an equitable basis to organizations or sponsoring persons, within the Library district, regardless of their beliefs or affiliations.

Granting an organization permission to use the Library Meeting Rooms shall not be interpreted to constitute endorsement by the Northville District Library of the policies and beliefs of that organization.

General Regulations

1. The Library administration authorizes the use of the rooms and maintains the schedule.
2. Library programs and Library-related services, meetings, and events (including the Friends of the Northville District Library) have first priority for scheduling use of the facilities, after which other applications will be considered on a first-come, first-serve basis. The Meeting Room may not be reserved more than three (3) months in advance. Since the Library plans its programming on a quarterly basis, requests to reserve its facilities by the public will not be accepted until each program quarter's calendar has been finalized. An approximate schedule – subject to change based on Library need – for when reservation requests will be accepted for each upcoming quarter is listed below.

starting November 15 – for December-February

starting February 15 – for March-May

starting May 15 – for June-August

starting August 15 – for September-November

3. Maximum room capacity is limited to:
 - 75 in the full Carlo Room
 - Carlo Room A with a capacity of 25
 - Carlo Room B with a capacity of 50
 - The Friends Community Room with a capacity of 20.
4. Meetings which may disturb regular Library functions may not be scheduled.
5. The Library Meeting Room is not available for private social functions, including, but not limited to, birthday parties, wedding and baby showers, and etc.
6. Items for purchase may only be sold through the Friends of the Library, in the Friends store, or in conjunction with a Library-sponsored program.
7. All residents, groups, and businesses, as well as all attendees at any meeting, are bound by the Library's Code of Conduct and all other Library policies for the duration of their use of the Library's facilities.

Scheduling

1. The Library Meeting Room may be booked only by Library District residents, groups or businesses.
2. A Library "Request for Meeting Room" form must be completed at the time of the reservation.
3. The Library reserves the right to limit a resident, group, or business organization to six (6) meetings during the calendar year in order to accommodate general demand for the use of the Meeting Rooms.

4. Meeting Rooms are available only during regular Library hours.
5. In case of cancellation, the resident, group, or business is requested to contact the Library as soon as possible.
6. The Library will make every effort to notify scheduled users of the unavailability of the Meeting Rooms in case of emergencies.

Fees

1. For-profit entities will be charged a fee for use of a Meeting Room, as listed in the Meeting Room Request Form.
2. Payment is due no later than close of business on the last business day prior to the start of the meeting. If payment is not received, the Library reserves the right to cancel the reservation.

Equipment

1. The Library provides equipment for use in the Meeting Room as listed on the Meeting Room Request Form.
2. Equipment must be requested when the Meeting Room is booked.
3. If staff are available, they will assist with initial set-up.

Set-Up, Clean-up and Refreshments

1. All residents, groups, and businesses are responsible for set-up of chairs and tables used in a meeting.
2. All meetings must have two ADA accessible chairs present and available.
3. Set-up and clean-up must be performed during regular Library hours.
4. Adhering material or decorations to the walls requires prior approval.
5. Only light refreshments may be served in the Meeting Room. No alcoholic beverages are permitted.
6. If refreshments are served, all utensils and equipment needed will be provided by the residents, groups, or businesses using the Meeting Room.
7. Each meeting room must be left in the condition in which it was found prior to the meeting.

Liability

1. All users will agree to hold the Library harmless from any loss, damage, liability, costs, and/or expense that may arise during or may be caused in any way by such use of the Library facilities.
2. Groups including individuals under 18 years of age must include a minimum of one supervising adult.
3. The resident, group or business using the Meeting Room is responsible for any damage to the equipment, the room, and/or its furnishings. Repair costs will be paid by the sponsoring individual.

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