

Meeting Room Policy

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The primary purpose of the meeting rooms at the Tipp City Public Library is to provide facilities for library related activities. The use of the meeting rooms for the needs of the library takes precedence over use by individuals or groups.

As a community service, the library makes its meeting rooms available for use by individuals or nonprofit community groups when it is not being used for library related activities. Individuals or groups may use the meeting rooms for private meetings, individual use, or to present programs for the general public. Programs which are open to the general public must be open to all, consistent with the informational, educational, or cultural purposes of the library, and non-soliciting in nature. Individuals or groups using the meeting rooms must not disrupt the normal operations of the library.

The use of a meeting room is free if the meeting or program is held during library hours. However, donations will be accepted to assist in the cost of maintaining meeting room facilities and equipment. A fee will be charged if the individual or group's use of the rooms results in the need for repair to library furnishings or equipment or if excessive clean up is required by library staff. A fee may be charged if the meeting extends past library hours. Imposition of this fee will be at the discretion of the Library Director.

The library will not provide audio/visual equipment for use by individuals or groups. Library materials must be obtained for use through normal library circulation procedures. The following equipment can be provided by the library: tables, chairs, lectern, projection table, and projection screen. Each individual or group is required to set up tables and chairs for their meeting and is required to return these items to their original position after the meeting is concluded if changed from library setup.

The use of the meeting rooms by individuals or groups shall not be publicized in such a way as to imply library sponsorship of the individual or group's activities unless the activity is being co-sponsored by the library.

The library shall not endorse the views expressed by any individuals or groups using its meeting rooms.

Failure to abide by the Meeting Room Policy may be justification for denying the group further use of meeting rooms.

A. Reservations

1. To reserve a meeting room, the person in charge must be 18 years of age or older.
2. The room must be reserved in advance. Reservations can be made by phone or in person.
3. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis.
4. A signed form will need to be kept on file.

5. Meeting space may be reserved for use during normal hours of operation. Meetings may be scheduled before the library opens, depending on staff availability. Programs or meetings must end 15 minutes prior to library closing time. Staff must be on hand to close and secure the premises.
6. Reservations for regularly scheduled meetings, by the same individual or group, will be accepted no more than three months in advance. Conditional reservations may be accepted further in advance with the understanding that the needs of the library may result in rescheduling or canceling the tentative booking.
7. A library-sponsored program will take precedence over community groups for use of the tentatively scheduled room on that date or at that time. An attempt will be made to provide an alternate date or time for the group.
8. Prompt notification to the library of cancellation of a meeting is required. The library does not post signs about such cancellations.
9. Any adult making a reservation to reserve a meeting room must agree to assume full responsibility for any damages to the facility or equipment which may occur as a result of the group's activities.

B. Meeting Room Use Guidelines

1. The name, address, or telephone number of the Tipp City Public Library may not be used as the contact person.
2. If refreshments are served, food and/or beverages are not to be taken into any library areas other than the kitchen and the meeting room. Individuals and groups are expected to return the kitchen and meeting room facilities to their original condition.
3. The library is required to report statistics on the usage of its meeting rooms. Please mark the attendance on form provided.
4. An adult shall be present at all times and be responsible for the supervision of any groups of children under the age of eighteen using the meeting rooms.
5. The meeting/program must be held within the confines of the meeting room and shall not cause disturbance to those using the library's public areas.
6. Alcoholic beverages and smoking are not permitted on library premises.
7. No decorations, posters, or any other materials may be installed or displayed in the meeting room without prior library approval.
8. During a meeting or program that is open to the public, no admission fee or donation requests are permitted. No items may be sold unless for the profit of the library or approved author visit. The library may, on occasion, sponsor classes offering instruction in skills. Tuition fees to cover costs of supplies may be charged. The library may also allow its meeting rooms to be used by local school systems or area colleges and universities. In such cases, tuition fees may be charged.
9. The library is not liable for injuries or death to people, damage to their property, or loss of property belonging to individuals or groups using the meeting rooms.
10. The Library Board of Trustees reserves the right to amend these regulations at any time. For good cause, the Library Director may waive any meeting room regulation and may deny or cancel any application for reservation of meeting room space.

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Date _____

Name/Organization _____

Is this organization non-profit? Yes _____ No _____

Description of Activity

Room Requested – Meeting Room _____ Board Room _____

Approximate # attending _____ Refreshments? **Yes** _____ **No** _____

Date & Time Requested _____

Contact Person Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Signature of contact person:

By signing this form you agree to be responsible for any fees and verify that you have read and will follow the meeting room policy.

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