

The Naples Library Community Meeting Rooms

Usage Policy

Use of the Naples Library's meeting rooms is primarily for programs conducted or sponsored by the Library. Meeting rooms are also available for use by others for educational, cultural, recreational or civic purposes. Authorization to use the Library's facilities does not reflect endorsement by the Library. Meeting rooms shall not be used for private, for-profit, entrepreneurial or commercial purposes, nor for illegal or hazardous activities. Exceptions to this policy may be made at the discretion of the Director or Library Board of Trustees in keeping with the Library's mission statement.

Application Process

Application for the use of any meeting room is made to the Library's Director by the individual responsible for the meeting who must complete and sign an application form. Reservations for use of the meeting room may be made on a regular schedule. Each single event must be confirmed with the Director. The Library's Director is to be notified of any cancellation or meeting date changes within forty-eight (48) hours prior to the event. Failure to notify the Director may result in the organization not being able to use the space in the future. In fairness to the numerous groups of the community, reservations are taken no more than six (6) months in advance. Any exceptions will be at the discretion of the Director. Library activities take precedence over other groups' use of the meeting rooms.

General Rules of Use

1. Except as a designation of location the name of the Library may not be used in any publicity relating to use of meeting rules.
2. The maximum capacity of both rooms will follow the fire code.
3. No cooking or smoking may occur. No alcohol may be served at any time. Food may be served with the Director's approval.
4. For programs occurring outside of normal Library hours, applicant is responsible for entry and/or closure with permission of the Library Director. Process for getting and returning the Library key to the Library should be arranged with the Library Director.
5. Meetings must be conducted in such a way as not to disturb Library operations.
6. Use of audio-visual equipment must be indicated at time of reservation.
7. The applicant is responsible for all room set-up and breakdown of their own equipment. Library personnel will not move or rearrange heavy equipment. The applicant is responsible for all cleaning up and returning the room to its found condition.

8. The Library provides no storage space and assumes no responsibility for equipment or personal articles belonging to applicants or their guests.
9. The applicant is responsible for damage to the Library facilities or its contents occurring as a result of the applicant's use of the building.
10. The Library reserves the right to close the building in extremely bad weather or unforeseen emergencies.
11. Library personnel shall have free access to meeting rooms at all times and video surveillance will be in place at all times. Children's groups should be supervised by an adult.
12. Meeting room policy is determined by the Board of Trustees, and is subject to review and revision at the discretion of the Board.

This policy may be amended by the Naples Library Board of Trustees at any time.

Adopted by the Naples Library Board of Trustees on August 6, 2018.