



MEETING ROOM POLICY

As a public institution, the Waunakee Public Library encourages use of its meeting rooms by community groups and community members. The Waunakee Public Library offers rooms of various sizes and features for use by small to large groups. The Meeting Room Policy here refers to usage of the Library's Board Room, Small Conference Room, and Living Room. Study Room usage will be governed by the Study Room Policy. Community Hall usage will be governed by the Community Hall Usage Policy.

Meeting rooms are made available to the public regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use, and use of the library's rooms does not constitute the Waunakee Public Library's endorsement or advocacy of a meeting's content or an individual/group. Library meeting room use may include content that may be unorthodox, unpopular with the majority, or controversial in nature. The library adheres to the principles of intellectual freedom, adopted by the American Library Association, as expressed in the Library Bill of Rights.

The library retains the right to monitor all meetings, programs and events conducted on the premises to ensure compliance with library policies. The Waunakee Public Library's Behavior Policy applies to programs or meetings held within meeting and study rooms at all times. Use of meeting and study rooms should not interfere with the normal functions of the library or use by library customers. Library staff will have free access to rooms at all times. Lights are to remain on at all times unless they interfere with use of A/V equipment. Exceptions to the Meeting Room Policy may be made at the discretion of the Library Director.

General Guidelines for meeting rooms (Board Room, Living Room, and Small Conference Room)

Meetings are to take place during regular library hours and must end 15 minutes before the library's scheduled closing time. Exceptions may be made with the approval of library management.

User and attendees will:

- Not disrupt the use of the library by others.
- Set up and return room to its former arrangement when finished.
- Put all refuse in trash receptacles provided.
- Affix nothing to walls without approval of library management.
- Not block fire exits in any way.
- Not exceed designated maximum room capacity.

- Leave area in good condition.

Persons attending meetings are subject to library rules, regulations, and policies. Groups who disturb library activity or library users will be denied future use of meeting rooms. Library staff may enter and remain in a meeting room at any time during a meeting.

Limitations

Meeting rooms may not be used for:

- Canvassing or collecting signatures for a political campaign are not permitted on the Library's grounds, per the Library Behavior Policy.
- Programs for which there is an admission charge or ones designed as fund-raisers, except by prior permission of the Waunakee Public Library Board.
- Any purpose which may interfere with the regular operation of the library.
- Meetings with people under 18 years of age without adult supervision.
- Storage of materials or equipment.

Equipment

Users are responsible for any damage to Library-owned equipment or furniture. The Library is not responsible for any damage to equipment brought into the building.

Reservation Priorities for meeting rooms (Board Room, Living Room, and Small Conference Room)

Groups must complete a Room Reservation Form in print or on the Library's website to reserve or rent a Meeting Room. Reservations must be made by a responsible member of the organization, over 18 years old, who will see that all the regulations are followed. If more than one group requests a room for the same time, priority will be given as follows:

1. Library programming or library-related meetings;
2. Other organizations in order by date of application and payment received. Rooms may be reserved no more than 90 days in advance of the meeting date. Exceptions are also made for library-sponsored programs and meetings of Village of Waunakee government. The Library reserves the right to pre-empt reservations; however, the Library will not preempt within 2 weeks of the scheduled meeting date. The library reserves the right to close and cancel use of its meeting rooms in the event of an emergency due to weather conditions or if rooms are in need of repair.

Hold Harmless Agreement

User must abide by rules stated in this policy, indemnify the library from any damage caused by user, and hold the Library, the Village of Waunakee and its employees, free from any liability.

Disclaimer

The fact that a group is permitted to use a library meeting room does not in any way constitute endorsement of the group's policies or beliefs by the Library. No advertisements or announcements

implying such endorsements will be permitted. The Library's logo must not be used on any promotional material unless approved by the Library Director. The Library Director or his/her designee may consider exception(s) to any aspect of this policy.

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