



OREGON PUBLIC LIBRARY

STUDY ROOM POLICY

I. Purpose

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II. Study Room Descriptions

- A. The Oregon Public Library offers nine study rooms for use by individuals or small groups, including:
 - 1. Two study rooms are located in the Children's Area on the first floor. These rooms are available to children and pre-teens; adults may only use the room if accompanied by a child during room use.
 - 2. Three study rooms are available in the Teen Area on the first floor, with preference for use given to teen and pre-teens.
 - 3. Four study rooms are available on the second floor and are available for anyone to use.
- B. Each study room is equipped with a table, chairs, outlets and wireless network access.
- C. Each room has a listed room capacity that must be followed during your reservation.

III. Study Rooms Reservations

- A. Study rooms are available for use during normal library hours and are free of charge. Room use, including cleanup, must be completed prior to the library closing.
- B. Individuals wishing to use the library's study room may apply for use on the library's website or by asking a library staff member.
- C. Study rooms are available on a first come, first served basis, but a user may reserve one study room up to seven (7) days in advance.
- D. To ensure availability for all community members, a user may have one (1) study room reservation at a time.
- E. A user may reserve a study room for up to three (3) hours at a time. If at the end of a reservation, no one else has reserved the room, the reservation may be extended by staff or a new reservation can be made.
- F. The Library will hold a Study Room reservation for no more than ten minutes if a patron booking a room is not present at the beginning of a reserved time period. If a patron leaves the study room for more than 10 minutes, the library may cancel the reservation for another patron to use the room.
- G. You need to be at least 9 years old or with a responsible caregiver to reserve a study room.

IV. Room Use Guidelines:

- A. Users of study rooms must follow all library policies. Use of study rooms should not interfere with normal functions of the library or disrupt the use of the library by others. Failure to comply with library policy or the direction of library staff may result in the suspension or restriction of library privileges including, but not limited to, study room use.
- B. The individual reserving the room is considered the responsible party for the room reservation and shall remain present in the room, except brief breaks. The room should be left in good condition. Charges for replacement or repair may be assessed if damage results from room use.
- C. Furniture may not be brought into or removed from the study room without approval by library staff.
- D. Library staff reserves the right to access rooms at all times.
- E. Permission for use of the room is limited to the inside of the room itself.
- F. For safety considerations, all Library study rooms have windows. Study room windows may not be covered or obstructed in any way for any reason.
- G. No items may be affixed to study room surfaces.
- H. The library is not responsible for loss or damage to personal belongings used or left in the meeting or study rooms.
- I. The library provides study rooms as a community service. The fact that a group or individual is permitted to meet at the library does not in any way constitute endorsement of the viewpoints or policies expressed by those using the room. Anyone using a room shall not publicize the event in any way that implies that it is sponsored, endorse or approved by the library, unless permission has been granted in advance by the Library Director or authorized Management Team member.

V. Limitations:

- A. Library needs and use of the study rooms takes priority over other reservations.
- B. Library staff may re-assign individuals or groups to another study room based on library activities and availability.
- C. Reservations may be cancelled due to library closure or building maintenance.

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MEETING ROOM POLICY

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II. Hours Available

The Community Room and Conference Room are available during normal library business hours from 9 am-8pm Monday to Thursday, 9 am-6 pm Friday, and 9 am-3 pm on Saturdays, except when the library is closed. All meetings must begin during normal library hours and must end no less than 15 minutes prior to the closing of the library.

III. Space Descriptions

- A. Conference Room: The Conference Room is located on the 2nd floor and is equipped with 6 tables, 24 chairs, outlets, display screen, whiteboard, and podium. Recommended max capacity is 24 people; room occupancy may not exceed 49 people per code.
- B. Community Room: The Community Room is located on the 1st floor and is equipped with 24 tables, 116 chairs, outlets, projector, screen, whiteboard, and podium. A kitchenette including a serving window, counter space, fridge and microwave are available, upon request. A hearing loop is available. Maximum capacity is 116 people.

IV. Eligible Uses

- A. The primary use of meeting spaces at the Oregon Public Library is for library programs and library sponsored activities; the library is exempt from all restrictions on use. It is also available for use by community groups and not-for-profit groups, and local businesses for programs of an informational, educational, cultural, or civic nature, subject to this policy as established by the Library Board.
- B. The following types of uses are not permitted:
 1. Events involving the sale, advertising, or promotion of products or services, unless the program is sponsored by the library.
 2. Business firms and other for profit organizations who are soliciting or selling products or services during their reservation.
 3. Private social functions, including showers, parties and dances.
 4. Programs which would interfere with the library's operation by causing excessive noise, a safety hazard and/or security risk.

V. Room Reservations

- A. Library use will be given first priority for meeting room use. There are no restrictions on the scheduling of library and library-related events and programs.
- B. To request use of the Community Room or Conference Room, a meeting room reservation request form must be completed. A reservation is not official until it is approved by the library. The person completing the application form must be 18 years of age or older and will be designated as the responsible party for the reservation.

- C. Staff review and approval is needed for reservation requests for meetings rooms. Submit reservations at least three business (3) days before and no more than four (4) months before the event. If a reservation is submitted with less than three (3) days lead time, it may not be reviewed in time for the event.
- D. A user or group may have four (4) meeting room reservation in a 4 month period unless the library is a co-sponsor.
- E. A user may reserve a meeting room for up to one (1) full day per reservation.
- F. A minimum of 24-hour notice is required for cancellations, except under extenuating circumstances such as inclement weather. Failure to provide notice of cancellation may result in suspension of meeting room privileges.

VI. Fees and Admission Charges

- A. No fees are charged for use of library meeting rooms.
- B. Cleaning and/or repair fees may be applied to the user if there is damage to the study room after use.
- C. No admission fee, suggested donation, or other monetary solicitation may be made except for meetings sponsored by the library or Friends of the Oregon Library.

VII. Use of Facilities and Equipment

- A. The individual reserving the room is responsible for setting up the room, as needed. Staff are not able to provide assistance in setting up the meeting room.
- B. No items may be attached (taped, pinned, stapled, etc.) to any room surfaces.
- C. Groups using the meeting room spaces are responsible for returning the room in the condition in which it was found. If any damage has occurred or additional cleaning is required as a result of the reservation, the Library will provide an invoice to the responsible party regarding the costs which may include cost of labor, materials, and staff time for any replacement, repair or special cleaning services incurred. If you have any concerns with the room's condition upon arrival, please report to library staff before beginning your reservation.
- D. A reservation authorizes your party to use the reserved room only. Permission for use of the room is limited to the room itself and does not include common areas such as hallways, the lobby, or other areas within the library.
- E. The library is unable to provide storage space for those using the meeting room.
- F. Alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, e-cigarettes/vaping products, and illegal substances are not permitted on the library's premises. Burning of candles and incense are not allowed.
- G. Refreshments may be served. The group using the room must provide their own refreshments, kitchen supplies and paper products.
- H. The library retains the right to monitor all meetings, programs and events conducted on the premises to ensure Library policies are followed. Library staff reserves the right to be present at any time throughout your reservation.
- I. The Library is not responsible for personal articles left on the premises or for injury or accidents while using the facilities.
- J. No organization may use the library's address as its own organizational address.
- K. Use of library meeting spaces does not in any way constitute the library's endorsement of the group's policies or beliefs.
- L. The library reserves the right to deny or terminate use of the meeting rooms in the event that any of the library's policies are not followed.