



SAUGERTIES PUBLIC LIBRARY

Community Meeting Room Use Policy

Use of the Saugerties Public Library Community Meeting Room is primarily for programs conducted or sponsored by the Library and Friends of the Saugerties Public Library, and such programs shall have priority over all other requests. The Community Meeting Room is also available for use by local (i.e. located within the Town of Saugerties) non-profit organizations for educational, cultural, recreational or civic purposes.

Authorization to use the Library's facilities does not reflect endorsement by the Library. Meeting room shall not be used for private, for-profit, entrepreneurial or commercial purposes, and all events held in the Meeting Room shall be open to the public and free of charge. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the Library Board of Trustees in keeping with the Library's mission statement.

Application Process

Application for use of the Community Meeting Room is made to the Library Director by the individual responsible for the meeting by completing and signing the ***Community Meeting Room Request Form***. Such individual must provide proof of Saugerties residency and proof that the organization using the room is also located in the Town of Saugerties. Scheduling requests should be made at least two (2) weeks prior to the event, but may not be made more than two (2) months in advance. Each event must be confirmed with the Library at least one week prior to the meeting. The Library is to be notified of any cancellation at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the event. Failure to notify the Library may result in the organization not being allowed to use the space in the future.

General Rules of Use

1. Events can be scheduled to take place between 8 am and 9 pm.
2. Maximum capacity is 81 people.
3. For events occurring before or after regular Library hours, the applicant is responsible for making prior arrangements with the Library Director. The Library will charge a \$25 fee for meetings that take place outside of regular library operating hours.
(Regular Library Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10am-8pm; Friday, 10am-6pm; Saturday 10am-5pm)
4. Except as a designation of location, the name of the Library may not be used in any publicity relating to use of the Community Meeting Room.

5. The applicant must complete the *Audio-Visual Equipment Checklist* and coordinate the use of all audio- visual equipment with the Library upon reserving the Community Meeting Room. Any film/video to be shown in the Community Meeting Room must be disclosed to the library so that copyright compliance can be assured. No applicant may show any film/video for which valid permission for a public showing is not in place.
 6. All events held in the Community Meeting Room must be open to the public and no admission can be charged.
 7. Prepared food and beverages may be served. Smoking and consumption of alcohol is prohibited.
 8. The applicant is responsible for all room set up, clean up, and returning the room to its original configuration and condition. Trash must be removed from the building.
 9. The Library does not provide storage space and assumes no responsibility for equipment or personal articles belonging to applicants or their guests.
 10. 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.
 11. The Library reserves the right to close the building in extremely bad weather or unforeseen emergencies.
 12. Meetings must be conducted in such a way as to not disturb Library operations.
 13. Library personnel shall have free access to the Community Meeting Room at all times.
 14. Failure to comply with the regulations in this policy and the Library's Patron Code of Conduct may result in the denial of future use of meeting space.
 15. The Community Meeting Room Policy is determined by the Library Board of Trustees, and is subject to review and revision at the discretion of the Board of Trustees. Appeals to this policy may be submitted to the Board of Trustees in writing.
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