

## Library Room Use Guidelines and Policy

1. The Library has first priority for using meeting rooms for Library programs or Library business.
2. If not being used by the Library, meeting rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
3. Rooms may be reserved no more than 90 days in advance.
4. Social, educational, and recreational groups may use the room(s) by reserving space online at our website [www.greenwichfreelibrary.org](http://www.greenwichfreelibrary.org) or by calling 518-692-7157. If booking space online you will be contacted by email with a confirmation of your request.
5. Rooms cannot be used for campaign or commercial purposes or for private parties. Only Library sponsored programs may offer items for sale.
6. Those reserving a room must be 18 or older. If an adult reserves the room on behalf of a group of children, an adult must be present for the duration of the meeting or event.
7. No fees are collected to use rooms; groups or organizations cannot charge to attend the meeting or event. Groups may collect reasonable material fees only.
8. Groups using the Library assume full responsibility for any personal injury and loss or damage to Library property. The Greenwich Library and its Board of Trustees are absolved from any liability resulting from personal injury or damage to personal property while using the library premises.
  - a. After use, each group will restore rooms, furniture, and equipment to a clean and orderly condition.
  - b. Groups will not attach materials to any wall or window in the Library.
  - c. The kitchenette has a limited supply of glassware, plates, and utensils. It is not intended for full-scale food preparation. Please wash, dry, and return items used to their original location.
  - d. All unused food, beverages, and trash must be removed from the building at the end of the event.
  - e. Applicant assumes responsibility for any missing items or damage after using the meeting room.
9. Groups reserving the room for a meeting or event may create posters or fliers about the event. All advertisements for meetings must explicitly state that the Library is not a sponsor or contact for the event. Having a meeting at the Library does not constitute an endorsement of the program by the Library.
10. If your meeting requires the use of Library audio visual equipment it is the responsibility of the booker to come into the Library for brief training in its use at least 2 days prior to the event time, as a staff member may not be available at the booked room time.
11. The meeting rooms on the lower level are available only during operating hours. Please review the Library's hours of operation before booking a room. If using the upstairs Community Room ***before or after*** Library hours, the applicant assumes responsibility for:
  - Picking up and signing out keys prior to meeting.
  - Ensuring regulations are followed.

- Locking the building and returning the key in the front book drop immediately after the meeting.
  - Reporting meeting attendance to Library staff.
12. If a previously planned meeting is to be canceled for any reason, the Library must be notified. The Library director or the director's assignee will notify groups as soon as possible of a closure affecting applicant's meeting.
  13. Any person or group found to be violating these guidelines may be barred from future use of community rooms.
  14. Comments about the Room Use Policy should be addressed to the Director. Unresolved issues will be brought to the Board of Trustees for review.

**IMPORTANT: Please be sure to tell the Library clerk the  
number of people attending your event.**

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