



COMMUNITY ROOM RENTAL POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT:

The Rock Island Public Library Board authorizes the library director and, under his or her direction, other staff members to allow community groups and organizations to use the Library’s Community Meeting Rooms.

PROCEDURES:

- Before occupying the rooms, a group representative must fill out an *Application for Use of Meeting Room* and obtain approval for use from the Business Office.
- At the time of event reservation, payment arrangements must be made.
- All reservations will receive a copy of the *Community Room Rental Policy*.

COMMUNITY ROOM REGULATIONS:

Reservations must be made with the Business Office Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00am - 4:45pm.

The Library’s Community Rooms are available for nonprofit events during scheduled and open Library hours. All events must conclude 30 minutes prior to closing. Any publicity involving the event must reflect ending 30 minutes prior to closing. All attendees must exit the building by closing. Reservations will not be taken for Friday or Saturday evenings and Sunday.

Availability and information are as follows:

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| Downtown Community Room | Hours: M-TH 9:00am – 7:30pm; Fri-Sat 9:00am – 4:30pm |
| | Capacity 70(tables & chairs)/100(standing) |
| Southwest Community Room | Hours: M&T 12pm – 7:30pm; W-Sat 9am – 4:30pm |
| | Capacity 24(tables & chairs)/50(standing) |

Fee schedule is as follows:

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| Nonprofit Room Rental | \$10.00 |
| After-Hours Closing Fee | \$25.00 |
| Clean-up Fee | \$15.00 |
| Laptop | \$25.00 |
| Audio/Visual Equipment Rental | \$25.00 |
| Damage Fee | TBD - equal to replacement cost – invoice will be provided. |

Events held on a regular basis must reserve the Community Rooms **three months in advance**. Renewals for the next three months’ reservations will not automatically be scheduled or held (exceptions: organizations of the RI Library, Foundation).

Organizations are required to provide program (speaker, film...) information at time of event. Regularly scheduled groups must provide program information prior to holding the program.

Cancellations must be placed 24 hours in advance. Failure to notify the Business Office will result in loss of future events. The rental fee is not refundable.

Organization will be responsible for discipline and reasonable care of the room and furnishings. Tables and chairs are available for use; however, each group is responsible for their own setup. Any damages will be charged to the organization. The Library requires a supervising adult take responsibility and be present at all times during an event.

The Community Rooms must be left in an orderly condition, which includes closing all windows, turning off lights, pulling blinds down, and placing garbage in receptacles. A fee will be applied for cleanup performed by the Library.

The Library and staff are not responsible for unsupervised or unattended children during any event.

There is a maximum capacity for each Community Room. Smoking is not permitted at any time. The emergency exit door cannot be blocked at any time.

Phones are for Library business use only and may not be used by the public. Messages for event attendees may be left at the Circulation Desk for pickup.

Persons using the Community Room should adhere to Library policies and maintain a quiet atmosphere. Conversations are to take place inside the Community Room or outside the building. Events that would interfere with the day-to-day operations of the Library due to noise levels (singing, musical numbers) are not permitted (exceptions: organizations of the RI Library Foundation).

Art exhibits approved will not be extended to the Community Room. Refer to the Rock Island Public Library's *Art Policy*.

While it is encouraged for organizations to use Library equipment, they may bring their own. The Library will be responsible and have staff available to set up and tear down the connections to the equipment. However, the organization will be responsible for operating and troubleshooting, and they will be responsible for providing their own presentation supplies. **The Library cannot handle non-Library owned equipment. Library laptops are to be returned in to the Reference desk after event.**

Audio/Visual Equipment use will not be granted without pre-registration and payment.

Organizations using the equipment assume responsibility for operation and reasonable care and will be required to pay for any damages. Please notify the **Business Office immediately** (or the Circulation Desk after Business Office hours) **if there is a problem with the equipment.**

In the event equipment breaks down, the Library will attempt to repair it as quickly as possible. The Library will notify the organization of equipment breakdowns and the estimated time for repair. If repair work cannot be completed by the event date, backup equipment cannot be provided.

It is the responsibility of the organization to ensure all appropriate regulations concerning copyrights© are upheld.

Limited kitchen facilities are available and require special considerations. **Full kitchen facilities are not available at the Southwest location.** Please notify the **Business Office immediately** (or the Circulation Desk after Business Office hours) **if there is a problem with use.**

Food items must be brought in or catered as limited space is available. A stove and small oven are available at the **Downtown location** for warming purposes only. A small refrigerator is available. All supplies, utensils, and other items must be brought in. The Library does not provide preparatory services (exceptions: organizations of the RI Library, Foundation).

All food and beverages must remain in the Community Room and/or Kitchen. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted.

Non-compliance of regulations and policies set forth may result in future loss of room use.

GUIDELINES:

The Rock Island Public Library has Community Meeting Rooms and video equipment available for community groups and organizations for meetings of an educational, cultural, professional, or business nature. All presentations must be appropriate for a general audience.

Use of the Community Room and equipment is to be granted on the following basis:

- Rock Island Library sponsored or co-sponsored programs
- City of Rock Island groups and organizations
- Nonprofit groups and organizations (proof of status required)

The Library reserves the right to revoke permission for use of the Community Room if the room is needed for library purposes. Every attempt will be made to find an acceptable alternate time. A four week notice will be given to the reserved organization.

Community Rooms are not available for fundraising, sale of items, political rallies, or religious services (exceptions: organizations of the RI Library, Foundation).

All meetings held at the Library must be open to the public and free of charge. All presentations must be appropriate for a general audience. Admissions, collections, and donations may not be taken.

Use of Community Rooms in no way implies Library endorsement of ideas expressed in meetings, or of the aims and goals of the organization using the facilities. The Library Board shall be the final authority in granting or refusing permission for use of rooms.

The Rock Island Public Library may not be used as the official address or headquarters of any organization. Any publicity or advertisement must not indicate Library sponsorship or endorsement.

Use of the Library's parking lot with extended use of rooms is not to be assumed. All day, on-street parking is available nearby.

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