

MEETING ROOM USER POLICY

I. PURPOSE: Pinckney Library provides meeting room space for our local area community. The primary purpose of the meeting rooms is for Library activities, including programs presented by the Library staff or by Friends of PCPL. The public may use the rooms when not needed for Library programming and at the discretion of library officials.

II. GUIDELINES: The meeting rooms are made available regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting use of the rooms. Permission to meet at the Library does not in any way constitute or imply endorsement of the users' policies, beliefs or programs by the Library staff or Library Board of Trustees.

III. SCHEDULING: The Library desires its meeting room spaces to be as widely available as possible and to maximize access to the greatest number of organizations. Therefore, no group may consider the Library its permanent meeting place or use the library as its mailing address.

Scheduling use shall be accepted on a first-come-first-serve basis with the Library business having first priority.

Preference will be given to patrons living in Putnam Township having a Pinckney Community Public Library card that is in good standing. Any person 18 years of age or older may fill out an application. The Library will contact individuals with confirmation when the reservation is accepted. Individuals should not assume the reservation is complete upon submission of the application.

Groups or organizations requesting the use of meeting room spaces will be required to complete a reservation application at least 1 week in advance. Meeting rooms are scheduled with a maximum of 4 hours. Exceptions to these rules will be at the discretion of the Library Director.

Meeting rooms may be used any time during the regular business hours, with the exception of the Board Room, which is available outside of Library Hours. Please check with staff on availability and times. Program Rooms 1 & 2 will not be available for use on Sundays because of staffing, security, utilities and other operational concerns during library off hours.

IV. USE OF MEETING ROOMS:

1. The Library reserves the right to deny the reservation application of any individual, group, or organization. No attempts to fund-raise, to solicit business, to sell or exchange good, services or memberships will be permitted outside of the approved, scheduled meeting. The exceptions to this rule include Library sponsored events and other events that further the Library's mission.

2. The Library prohibits the use of tobacco, alcohol or controlled substances in the Meeting Rooms. ***No smoking, candles, matches or any other use of fire shall be permitted unless sanctioned as a Library event.***

3. Room Set-up and Clean-up are the responsibility of the reserving individual and group. Rooms must be returned to their original condition at the conclusion of each meeting. A clean up checklist will be available in the room and must be completed and signed after each meeting room use.

4. Food and beverages may be served, but only if approved by the Library at the time the group schedules the Meeting Room. Groups must provide its own utensils for serving and preparation.

5. ***A security/cleaning deposit of \$50*** must be paid to the Library before the scheduled event. The deposit will be held and ***returned after*** library staff inspects the room and signs the completed checklist.

6. Any meeting room used outside normal business hours will have an additional charge. (See room fee schedule on Meeting Room Form.)

7. Pursuant to Library policy, *no child under the age of ten (10) years may be left unattended* elsewhere in the Library while a parent or guardian attends a meeting or program in the meeting room. Library staff cannot assume liability for children who are left unattended.

8. Requests for use of audio or visual equipment, tables, chairs and any equipment owned by the library must be made while scheduling the room. The Library does not guarantee the availability of any equipment.

9. Groups making excessive noise that disrupts normal Library functions or other patrons' use of the Library shall be asked to immediately vacate the premises.

10. Library meeting rooms will not be available for use in the event that the building is closed due to emergency conditions or inclement weather. It is the responsibility of the "point of contact person" to notify members.

11. Verbal or written cancellation of a meeting room reservation is required in advance. Reservations will be held for 20 minutes, unless the group has notified the Library that it will be late.

NOTE: THERE ARE LIMITED PARKING LOT SPACES AVAILABLE, SO FOR ANY NON-LIBRARY RELATED MEETINGS, PLEASE INFORM PARTICIPANTS TO PARK ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE LOT OR USE STREET PARKING.

V. STUDY ROOM:

1. Restricted to the use of no more than 6 persons.
2. Sign-up is required at the circulation desk.

3. Availability is first-come-first-serve. It may be reserved on the day of use.
4. Limited to no more than 2 hours per use when someone is waiting.
5. Eating is prohibited and beverages must be in a sanctioned covered container.
6. A vacated room will be considered abandoned after 15 minutes and assigned to the next user.

VI. MEETING ROOM FEE SCHEDULE:

After Hours Meeting Room Fees (in addition to \$50 refundable security/cleaning deposit):

	For Putnam Twp. Residents	For Non- Residents
Meeting Room		
Program Room 1 or 2	\$20	\$50
Both Program Rooms	\$40	\$100
Board Room	\$20	\$50

NOTE: Due to limited parking, the library requests that contact people inform their members who are able bodied drivers to please use street parking, saving room for senior library patrons and those of limited physical abilities.