



POLICIES OF THE CLIFTON PARK-HALFMOON PUBLIC LIBRARY

POLICY 3.6

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USE OF PROGRAM ROOMS BY THE PUBLIC

Need for this Policy:

A policy is required to establish the terms and conditions for public use of the Library's Program Rooms.

Policy:

The Program Rooms of the Library, when not otherwise scheduled for Library programs or purposes, are available under the following general conditions:

1. Program Rooms will only be available for use during the hours the Library is open to the public.
2. The individual reserving and assuming responsibility for the room must be:
 - a. at least 21 years of age
 - b. a resident of the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library District
 - c. A Clifton Park-Halfmoon library holder in good standing
3. Rooms may be reserved by any individual or group up to six (6) times per year at the following times:
 - Monday – Thursday 5pm – 9pm
 - Saturday 9am – 5pm
 - Sunday 12pm – 5pm

Rooms may be reserved by any individual or group up to ten (10) times per year at the following times:

Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm

Rooms may be reserved by an individual or group no more than a total of twelve (12) times per year subject to the above conditions.

4. When not otherwise scheduled, Program Room D is available for use during regular library hours on a walk-in basis for a limit of 2 hours per day. Users must sign in at the Ask a Librarian Desk on the 1st Floor and use of the room must comply with the terms and conditions of this Policy.
5. No charge shall be made for admission to any program or meeting. However, groups that normally collect dues/membership fees may use the Program Rooms so long as their meetings on Library premises are open to the public at no charge.
6. If Library equipment (such as projectors or audio-visual units) is used, a \$25 fee is charged.
7. Light refreshments may, with prior approval, be permitted in designated rooms. No alcoholic beverages may be served. Smoking is prohibited.



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8. The reserving party is responsible to leave the room in the same condition as it was when they arrived.
9. The Library charter states that the Library shall not participate in, or intervene (including publishing or distributing statements) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Thus Program Rooms may not be used for these purposes.
10. A Reservation Form provided by the Library must be filled out and any fees due paid when requesting a room reservation. The completed and approved Reservation Form must be presented to the Library at the time of the reservation for admittance to the room.
11. Programs may not be used to directly solicit business or collect contact information from program attendees to market any product or services.
12. There shall be no distribution of literature on library property either inside or outside, other than to program participants in the program room. All literature is subject to library approval.
13. An organization may not use the name, address, or phone number of the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library in its literature, nor have the library serve as the address of record for an organization.

Room Reservation

A. Rooms may be reserved with the understanding that, on occasion, special library programs will take precedence over an existing reservation. In such cases, every reasonable effort will be made, in a timely manner, to notify the person (s) having made the reservation of the cancellation of this portion of their reservation.

B. Programs of an educational nature:

(1) Rooms may be reserved for programs of educational value and discussion of current public questions. Such programs must be open to the public.

(2) Rooms may not be reserved more than 10 weeks in advance of the reservation date.

C. Programs/Meetings for any other non-commercial use:

For purposes other than above educational nature, any Program Room not otherwise scheduled may be reserved up to two (2) weeks in advance, but no later than 48 hours before the intended use if room setup is needed.

D. Room reservations as provided for in this policy will be reviewed annually and adjustments made to this policy as deemed necessary by the Board of Trustees to allow for the maximal, fair use of meeting spaces.

Responsibilities:

Abuse of this Room Policy may preclude further room reservations. It is the responsibility of the Director to ensure adherence to this Policy.

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