

MEETING ROOM POLICY- Branches
FRANKFORT COMMUNITY PUBLIC LIBRARY
CLINTON COUNTY CONTRACTUAL PUBLIC LIBRARY
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Reviewed & Approved by Library Trustees on September 13, 2021

Purpose

The use of the library facilities shall be for the purpose of presenting programs of culture, education, information or entertainment. Granting the use of its meeting rooms does not imply approval by the Library of the group, meeting, or the ideas presented at the meeting. **All meetings will be open to the public and may be monitored by Library staff to ensure compliance with these policies.**

Who May Use the Rooms

- The meeting rooms are available for use by civic, community, cultural, or educational organizations for non-commercial and non-profit purposes.
- The representative of the organization signing for the room must be a resident of Clinton County, 18 years of age or older and a Library cardholder. Official government agencies and boards are exempt from the cardholder requirement.
- Rooms are available to businesses located in Clinton County for non-commercial use only.
- Elected officials may use meeting rooms for informational meetings with their constituents that are non-partisan in nature, which excludes partisan political activities.

Meeting Room Policy

In order to use the meeting rooms, a representative of the group must take the responsibility for the group's use of the room by signing a Meeting Room Application.

Each organization assumes the full responsibility for any damages incurred resulting from use of the meeting room facilities. Abuse of the facilities will be sufficient cause to deny further use of the room. You will be charged for the clean up or repair of any damage to the building or furniture.

The Library assumes no responsibility for hats, coats, or other personal belongings of persons attending meetings; neither does it guarantee parking facilities for those planning to attend the meeting.

Library programs will take precedence over all other activities. The library reserves the right to change or cancel reservations and to determine priorities in assigning meeting room space. Organizations or businesses may be required to file a certificate of liability insurance. The Library reserves the option to waive this requirement under certain circumstances.

The Library Board has vested the Director with the authority to supervise meeting room use and interpret these policies. Failure to comply with these regulations or the directive of the designated representative of the Library may result in a cancellation of further use of the Library facilities.

Use of the meeting rooms shall conform to the Library's Rules and the *Children Visiting the Library Policy*.

Prohibited Uses and Activities

- The meeting rooms may not be used for personal or family parties or for gatherings of a purely social nature.
- Non-library sponsored groups may not charge admission nor solicit or require donations for attendance at the meetings.
- Groups cannot collect dues on the premises, nor can products or services be solicited or sold.
- Storage space for equipment or supplies for groups using the meeting room is not available unless arrangements have been made with the Library Director.
- Smoking, gambling, or alcoholic beverages and/or illegal drugs are not permitted.
- Red punch/beverages are prohibited.
- No flames of any kind are permitted, unless special arrangements have been made with the Library Director.
- Do not use any kind of tape or adhesive to affix posters or signs on the walls, doors, paneling, windows, or any other portion of the building or furniture. Pins or staples only can be used to affix posters or signs to canvas covered walls. You will be charged for the clean up or repair of any damage to the building or furniture.

Procedures/General Rules for Use of Meeting Rooms

Meeting Room Application

- Application for use of the meeting room must be made on the Meeting Room Application and signed by a representative of the requesting organization or group before approval for use may be given. Such representatives must provide a current address and telephone number of their residence in the library district.
- It is suggested that organizations make reservations as early as possible to assure the time desired.
- Reservations may be made by calling 765-xxx-xxxx. An application form must be completed and signed 24 hours before the time of the meeting.
- Advance notice of 24 hours must be given to the library in the event that a scheduled meeting is to be cancelled. If 24 hours notice is not given, you will be charged for the room.
- A group meeting regularly during the year need file only one application, however, each meeting date will be noted on the application. Any group wishing to continue use of the room the following year will be requested to fill out a new application prior to January 1st. Preference in advance and long-term bookings is given to those groups which have continuous attendance of 10 or more. Groups of less than 10 must apply for space each time a meeting date is required. The library reserves the right to limit the number of bookings which any one group or organization may make for any one week or for the year.
- Meetings should adjourn not later than 11:00 p.m. Arrangements for use of the meeting room before 9:00 a.m. or past 5:00 p.m. must be made at the time of the booking or not later than 48 hours prior to the time for which the meeting is scheduled. The area must be restored to its original condition.
- In the event of an emergency closing of the library, all reservations are automatically cancelled and any fees will be refunded. Library staff will attempt to inform the contact person of the closing.

Equipment Use

Reservations for the use of the library-owned audio visual equipment must be made in advance. An individual who is familiar with the operation of the equipment must be listed as taking responsibility for the equipment. The library reserves the right to insist upon library staff operation of equipment if it sees fit to do so.

Food

Organizations which desire to use the kitchen facilities must arrange for such use prior to the scheduled meeting date. Light refreshment may be served in the meeting rooms but shall not be carried into the Library areas.

Light refreshments – coffee, non-alcoholic beverages, cookies – may be served. Caterers must be provided if meals are to be served. The caterer is responsible for leaving the premises in a clean and normal operating order. Any equipment brought in should be removed promptly after the meeting, as other groups may be using the rooms. Each group needs to furnish its own supplies (office & refreshment supplies). You should check in advance if the library has a coffee pot available for use.

Clean-up

Each group will clean up the room; pick up trash, unplug coffee pot, place tables and chairs in original positions, and turn off lights.

Parking

Free parking is available in the library parking lots.
Rossville only (Please do not park in the CVS parking lot)

Room Rental Fees

The Library Board has attempted to keep fees to a minimum. If you feel that the facilities and services you received were outstanding, donations are accepted.

Branch meeting room rate of \$10.00 per Hour. No charge for Not-For-Profit groups.

Eligibility for Not-For-Profit Rate:

1. Organization must have a community base within Clinton County and be non-commercial in purpose.
2. Organization shall not exclude persons because of race, religion, social status, or age.
3. Organization may be required to provide a copy of their 501 C-3 status to qualify for the reduced rate.
4. Proof of non-profit status may be required.

If an organization is refused the use of the facility, a written request may be presented to the Library Board for reconsideration at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

MEETING ROOM APPLICATION
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Clinton County Contractual Libraries
LIBRARY CARD REQUIRED

Use of the meeting room(s) _____ is requested by:

Name of Organization _____

Name of Applicant _____ Title _____

(Must be a resident of Library District)

Address _____ Phone: _____

_____ Fax: _____

Other Responsible Party _____ Title _____

Address _____ Phone: _____

Purpose of Organization _____

Certificate of Liability Insurance _____

Date or Dates Requested: _____

Time: From _____ To: _____ Expected Attendance _____

Equipment Request

Screen ____ Podium ____ TV/VCR/DVD ____

Other _____

****Please return the room to its original set-up****

Date	Name of Event	Description of Event	Time of Event
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I, the undersigned as a responsible representative of the organization making application for library meeting room use, do agree to abide by these rules and policies as stated.

SIGNED: _____ **DATE:** _____

(Please do not write below this line)

Approved by _____ Title _____

Confirmed Date(s) _____ Room(s) _____

Sound or Lighting Technician scheduled _____

Total Fees _____ Date Billed _____ Date Received _____