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MEETING ROOM RULES & GUIDELINES

Meeting room usage is subject to the following rules and guidelines.

1. Library-sponsored activities are given priority in the consideration of the use of meeting rooms; however, the Library will not cancel an existing reservation for the purpose of having a library program. Use of library meeting rooms by other City of Boise departments will not be given priority over uses by other groups.
2. All meetings held in library meeting rooms must be open to the public.
3. Meeting rooms are not available for private or personal events such as birthday parties, weddings, memorial services, or the like.
4. No fee may be charged for admission to a meeting in a Library meetingroom.
5. Onsite sales of goods or services or collection of dues or donations are prohibited unless expressly permitted in advance by the Library Director.
6. Meeting rooms are available at times and locations that do not conflict with daily operations of the library. Meeting rooms may be available outside of the Library's open hours only at the discretion of the Library Director or designee and additional charges or fees may be imposed.
7. Reservations will only be taken for meetings with an anticipated attendance of two or more people and upon approval of an application completed by an adult authorized to act for and bind the reserving group in an agreement with the Library.
8. Rooms may be reserved no more than three months in advance without written permission from the Director. Such permission is also required to make or accumulate more than four total pending reservations. Library-sponsored activities, Library auxiliary groups, Boise City recognized Neighborhood Associations, and City of Boise agencies are exempt from these requirements.
9. Groups that don't show up within fifteen minutes of their reserved start time will forfeit the reservation.
10. The fact that a group is permitted to meet at the Library does not in any way constitute an endorsement or approval by the staff, Board or City of the users, their beliefs or of viewpoints expressed in the meeting. No group may list the Library as a host, partner or sponsor without prior express written permission from the Library Director or designee. Absent such permission, any printed or electronic advertisement or notification of a meeting to take place at the Library must include a disclaimer that the meeting or event is not sponsored or endorsed by the Library.

11. Staff may refer public inquiries concerning the meeting in question to the person signing the room reservation form for the group.
12. The Friends of the Boise Public Library, Inc. and the Boise Public Library Foundation, Inc. may use the name and address of Boise Public Library as the headquarters and official address of the organization. No other group may do so, regardless of meeting room usage.
13. All news releases, publicity or advertisements relating to any program or meeting held in one of the Library's meeting rooms shall clearly state the name of the sponsoring organization or individual, and shall not imply in any manner that the program or meeting is sponsored by the Library unless the Library has formally agreed to co-sponsorship.
14. The Library is not responsible for any lost or damaged property before, during or after a meeting. The individual reserving the room and the group whom such individual represents agrees to pay for all damage to any property of the City of Boise resulting directly or indirectly from the conduct of any member, officer, employee, or agent of the group, or any of its invitees; and it will save, hold harmless, defend and indemnify the City of Boise and the Boise Public Library from and against any and all liability which may be imposed upon them, or either of them, and/or for any damage to persons or property caused by the group or any person in connection with the use of a meeting room.
15. Pursuant to Idaho Code, meeting rooms cannot be used to advocate for or against a political candidate or the outcome of a ballot measure.
16. The Library reserves the right to deny or revoke a reservation and permission to use a meeting room at any time if the particular usage is disruptive to the Library's normal course of business, violates the Library's Rules of Conduct policy or any other Library policy or regulation, or violates any local, state or federal law.