

# St. Johns County Public Library System

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## Policy Title: Meeting Room

St. Johns County Public Library provides use of meeting rooms to the general public. Library facilities are open to programs sponsored or cosponsored by the Library or other organizations engaged in educational, cultural, recreational, charitable or government interest activities which complement or promote the Library's mission and goals. **Library/County/FOL-Sponsored programs receive first priority for use of the meeting rooms.**

All meetings and programs are open to the public. Meeting rooms are not to be used for personal or private profit, advertising or solicitation of business. No admission fee may be charged nor sales made. However, a fee for resource materials, books or payment for a program speaker may be collected upon the approval of the Library Director. Library-related fund raising activities are allowed.

Granting permission for use of the meeting rooms does not imply Library endorsement of the aims, policies or activities of any group.

The Meeting Room Policy and Meeting Room Procedures will be interpreted and enforced by the Library Director.

### MEETING ROOM REGULATIONS:

1. All groups requesting to use meeting rooms must complete and sign the *Application for Use of Meeting Rooms, Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement*, and meet all insurance requirements as necessary before a meeting room can be reserved. The person signing the application assumes complete financial responsibility for any abuse of Library Premises or equipment while they are being used by the group.
2. Meetings will generally be scheduled for no more than once per month and no more than one year in advance.
3. The Library reserves the right to cancel a reservation in order to use a meeting room for library or County purposes. Forty-eight hours advance notice will be given if cancellation becomes necessary.
4. Organizations must notify the Library at least forty-eight hours in advance if a reservation is going to be canceled. Failure to notify the Library of cancellation may result in denial of future use of the meeting rooms.
5. The Library reserves the right to limit the number of reservations by any organization so that all groups may have a fair opportunity to use the meeting rooms.
6. Maximum attendance for programs or meetings in the Library's meeting rooms varies by branch and is determined by the County Fire Marshal.

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7. Meetings are to be held during regular library hours and must adjourn in sufficient time to vacate the premises by the scheduled closing time.
8. The Library is not responsible for loss or damage to exhibits, equipment, supplies or other materials brought to the Library by the meeting group.
9. The Library is not responsible for setting up furniture and equipment for groups using the meeting rooms. No equipment, materials or records may be stored in the meeting rooms or in the Library.
10. No smoking is permitted inside of the Library including meeting areas. Alcoholic beverages may only be served upon meeting insurance requirements and by special approval by the County Administrator or other designated authority.

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