

Seguin Public Library Policy

Study Rooms

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Seguin Public Library has study rooms available for individuals, groups and organizations in conformance with the Library's mission to provide educational, informational, and recreational resources to patrons of all ages, cultural and economic backgrounds. The rooms are available for use, free of charge.

GUIDELINES

The Director shall have final authority regarding the use of the study rooms and/or cancellation or discontinuance of room reservations. The Director is not authorized to accept year-long scheduling arrangements from any group or organization.

The rooms are available for use of an educational, cultural, informational or governmental/civic activities and may include public lectures, panel discussions, workshops, training and other similar functions.

- I. No space will be available for commercial purposes. A "commercial purpose" is defined as a use intended to produce, or which in fact produces, profit for any private for-profit company, association, corporation, or individual.
- II. Rooms may not be used for social purposes, such as birthday parties, showers, weddings, family reunions, etc. Since the library is supported by public funds spaces may not be used for political purposes or by political parties.
- III. No admission fee, registration fee, donation or monetary solicitation may be sought from meeting attendees unless the library co-sponsors the program.
- IV. Study rooms are not designed for food service. Only light refreshments or snacks (sandwiches, packaged snacks, cookies, etc.) are allowed in the study rooms. Meals that are hot, with strong scents or staining capabilities (catered meals, pizzas, pasta, salads,

salad dressings, soups, etc.) are not permitted in the study rooms. Drinks (water, sodas, tea, coffee, etc.) are allowed, but must be covered with secure tops. Red, blue or purple drinks are not allowed.

- V. Essential oils, lighted candles or items with strong aroma or products that can permanently stain and cause damage are not allowed.
- VI. Rooms must be vacated at least fifteen (15) minutes before closing.
- VII. Groups who use the rooms are responsible for the set up and cleanup of the room. Any equipment borrowed must be checked in by a staff member thirty (30) minutes prior to closing. Furniture and equipment must be returned to its original location. No furniture may be moved out of the rooms, or other furniture from the library brought into the rooms unless authorized by a member of staff.
- VIII. No nails, tacks, tape, staples, adhesives or holes of any kind are to be put in or on the walls. Nothing may be attached to the walls, ceiling, floor, or furnishings.
- IX. The meeting spaces may not be used for storage of equipment, supplies or personal effects prior or after use of the space. The Library and the City shall not be responsible for materials, equipment, supplies or personal effects of those using the rooms.
- X. Attendance at meetings shall be limited to the maximum capacity established by the Fire Marshal, and all exits shall be unlocked and unblocked. Open aisles must be maintained in seating arrangements to allow clear access to room exits.
- XI. If any group disrupts the normal function of the Library due to sound, crowd size or other factors, they may be asked to leave.
- XII. The Library reserves the right to have a staff member present at any event to observe or monitor.
- XIII. The Library Director shall have the authority to end meetings and close any of the rooms as deemed necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of individuals and property, and to maintain proper use of the Library facilities.

DISCLAIMER

Any promotional materials, pictures, publicity, or paid advertisement by groups using the meeting spaces must include a statement indicating that the program or activity is not sponsored, co-sponsored, or endorsed by the Seguin Public Library or the City of Seguin.

The Library will not serve as a point of information referral for patrons who may have questions regarding the meeting or who wish to contact the meeting organizers.

RESERVATIONS

- I. The reservation form must include the name of the organization, time desired, purpose of the meeting, and the name(s), telephone number(s), and email address of the person(s) who will be responsible for the group.
- II. Applicant(s) must be at least 18 years of age or older and be present during the use of study rooms , as they are responsible for all reasonable repair or replacement cost for damage to the facility space, fixtures, or equipment utilized during the reservation.
- III. A form must be completed and submitted to reserve the study rooms. Reservations may be made up to one (1) month in advance for study rooms. All reservations will be handled on a first come, first served basis. Individuals, groups and/or organizations are limited to reserving the study rooms up to three (3) days per week and four (4) hours per day. A “week” is defined as starting on Sunday and ending on Saturday. Reservation hours do not carryover from week to week. An individual, group and/organization may not reserve multiple study rooms for the same day and time unless approved by the Library Director. Library or Library related groups or programs and City of Seguin Departments are exempt from these limitations.
- IV. Patrons who fail to contact staff to cancel or reschedule a reservation prior to start time, and do not arrive within 15 minutes of the scheduled start time will be

considered no-shows and the reservation will be forfeit. A forfeit reservation counts towards the maximum number of reservations per week.

EQUIPMENT

The Library has dry erase kits for use free of charge, subject to availability for use in the study rooms. Kits should be reserved at the time the room is reserved. An applicant will be required to leave a photo ID with the Supervisor in Charge to use the kits. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the premises and/or kits used are in good condition. The ID will be returned upon completion of the meeting and confirmation that the kit has been returned without missing parts and in working order.

CANCELLATIONS

Should the rooms be needed for a Library or City sponsored program or event, the Library has the option of canceling or rescheduling an organization's meeting date. The Library will attempt to provide an advanced notice before canceling any reservation, but no group is exempt and no meeting space is guaranteed.

DENIAL OF USE

Use of the rooms may be denied by the Library Director based on the past failure of a group to comply with this policy, or to any group that damages the room, walls, carpet, equipment, furnishing, etc.