

## STATEMENT OF POLICY FOR USE OF MEETING ROOMS

The Decatur Public Library welcomes the use of its meeting rooms by organizations and individuals in the community. The library will offer discounted rental rates to not-for-profit, community, and government organizations.

For events planned and/or promoted in conjunction with Decatur Public Library, organizations will not be charged a fee.

Meeting rooms are not available for private social functions. There shall be no solicitation for donations or selling of products or services at the meetings, with the exception of library sponsored functions.

Requests for use of a meeting room must be made no later than the Friday before the meeting, **but no earlier than 2 months prior to the meeting date.** Requests should be submitted on the library meeting room **application form provided by the Library.** Meeting rooms can be booked tentatively by phone, email or fax, but the completed application with payment must be returned within 5 business days of the initial booking request, or the booking may be cancelled. Payment may also be made by purchase order with prior approval. After payment is received, a 50% fee will be applied to all cancellations.

With the exception of the Library Board room, meeting rooms are available during regular library hours from the time the library is open until 30 minutes prior to the library closing time. The Library Board room is available Monday through Friday from the time the library opens through 4:30 p.m.

Please see library meeting room fee schedule for current cost of renting various rooms.

Organizations may rent Library meeting rooms as many as twelve times per calendar year.

If food or beverages are served, the organization using the room is responsible for cleanup. A cleaning fee will be assessed if the room is not left clean. Please see fee schedule. Alcoholic beverages and smoking are prohibited in the Library.

The Library is not responsible for personal belongings left in the meeting rooms.

An organization not abiding by the regulations and policies governing the use of the meeting rooms may lose their privilege of use in the future.

**Approved by the Decatur Public Library Board of Trustees**

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