



policy

Name: Meeting Rooms

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Policy:

Franklin Public Library (FPL) provides space for community meetings to further the Library's role as a community center. Library meetings rooms are for meetings or programs of an educational, informational, cultural or civic nature. Use of the facilities for FPL, FPL-affiliated organizations, or FPL-sponsored or co-sponsored meetings or programs shall have priority over all other requests. Thereafter, requests shall be considered in the following order:

1. City of Franklin governmental units;
2. County of Milwaukee, State of Wisconsin, or United States governmental units;
3. Community not-for-profit cultural or civic organizations;
4. All other uses, including organizations or groups whose primary purpose is religious or business.

Meetings and events must be free and open to any member of the public. All government meetings must be free and open to the public. Governmental units do have the ability to enter into closed session per WI Statute 19.85. Use of an FPL meeting room in no way constitutes an endorsement by the Library of the event or group using the facility.

The following events are not permitted:

- Events of a strictly social nature;
- Events which may disrupt library operations;
- Religious services; and
- Election-related events, with the exception of independently hosted candidate forums.

Elected officials and candidates, or others acting on their behalf, who wish to use the meeting rooms for town hall events may not schedule closer than 90 days prior to an election.

Events which are approved but which prove disruptive to FPL operations shall immediately cease any disruptive activity upon notification by FPL staff. Events which would interfere with the functions of FPL or its patrons will not be permitted.

Admission may not be charged, donations may not be solicited, and products or services may not be sold, with the following exceptions:

1. Franklin Public Library;

2. Franklin Public Library-affiliated organizations; and
3. Parties that support the core functions of the library, as determined by the Library Director.

If anyone has been found to be misrepresenting themselves or their group, they may be denied future access to the meeting rooms upon determination by the Library Director and/or the Franklin Public Library Board of Trustees.

- **Hours of Operation**
 - The FPL meeting rooms may only be used during normal Franklin Public Library operating hours, with meetings scheduled no less than 15 minutes after the library opening, except at the discretion of the Library Director. This includes setup and clean up. All groups must vacate the meeting rooms 15 minutes prior to library closing. Failure to do this will result in a loss of meeting room privileges.
- **Fees**
 - Fees shall be charged to ALL groups using the Fadrow Room(s), and/or the Sievert Conference Room, with the following exceptions:
 - Franklin Public Library;
 - Franklin Public Library-affiliated organizations;
 - City of Franklin, Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin, and units of the Federal government;
 - Public School Systems serving Franklin; and
 - Exceptions as determined by the Library Director.
 - A non-profit rental rate is available for qualifying organizations with tax exempt status under section 501(c)3 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. Groups applying for a non-profit rental rate shall provide proof of 501(c)3 status when reserving a meeting room.

Fadrow Room(s)

- For profit located in Franklin:
 - \$45 per room section for up to 4 hours in a day;
 - \$55 per room section for 4 or more hours in a day;
 - \$15 for use of kitchen;
 - \$20 for use of A/V equipment (microphones/laptops/projector).
- For profit located outside Franklin:
 - \$85 per room section for up to 4 hours in a day;
 - \$105 per room section for 4 or more hours in a day;
 - \$25 for use of kitchen;
 - \$40 for use of A/V equipment (microphones/laptops/projector).
- Nonprofit 501(c)3 located in Franklin:
 - \$25 per room section for up to 4 hours in a day;
 - \$35 per room section for 4 or more hours in a day;
 - \$15 for use of kitchen;
 - \$10 for use of A/V equipment (microphones/laptops/projector).

- Nonprofit 501(c)3 located outside Franklin:
 - \$45 per room section for up to 4 hours in a day;
 - \$55 per room section for 4 or more hours in a day;
 - \$15 for use of kitchen;
 - \$20 for use of A/V equipment (microphones/laptops/projector).

Sievert Conference Room

- For profit located in Franklin:
 - \$25 for up to 4 hours in a day;
 - \$35 for 4 or more hours in a day;
 - \$10 for use of A/V equipment (laptop/projector).
- For profit located outside Franklin:
 - \$35 for up to 4 hours in a day;
 - \$45 for 4 or more hours in a day;
 - \$15 for use of A/V equipment (laptop/projector).
- Nonprofit 501(c)3 located in Franklin:
 - \$15 for up to 4 hours in a day;
 - \$20 for 4 or more hours in a day;
 - \$5 for use of A/V equipment (laptop/projector).
- Nonprofit 501(c)3 located outside Franklin:
 - \$20 for up to 4 hours in a day;
 - \$25 for 4 or more hours in a day;
 - \$10 for use of A/V equipment (laptop/projector).

All fees are payable by cash, check or credit/debit card. A \$5 convenience fee will be applied to all credit/debit card transactions.

Additional Information:

- Available Rooms
 - Sievert Conference Room: Board table seats 10; room capacity is 16
 - Fadrow Room A (East Room): Auditorium seating for 70; Classroom Seating for 36
 - Fadrow Room B (West Room): Auditorium seating for 40; Classroom Seating for 24
 - Fadrow Rooms A & B: Auditorium Seating for 175; Classroom seating for 90*

*FPL has 175 chairs and 30 tables for the Fadrow Rooms.

- Use of Facilities and Equipment
 - Rooms shall be setup by FPL staff whenever possible.
 - Special setup requests must be addressed when the room is reserved.
 - If users change the room setup, the room shall be returned to its original condition at the end of use.
 - Audiovisual equipment shall be made available upon request, if available.

- Any and all supplies and equipment used by the group that has reserved a meeting room must be brought in the day of the event and removed immediately following the event.
- Reservations
 - Fadrow Room(s) and the Sievert Conference Room may be reserved in person at the library, over the phone by calling 414-425-8214 x6603, or online at www.FranklinPublicLibrary.org by selecting the Meeting Room Reservation icon in the top middle of the main page. The Meeting Room Coordinator or designee will confirm all reservations.
 - Meetings may be scheduled up to three (3) months in advance.
 - Rental fees must be paid at least 24 hours prior to the reservation.
 - Groups wishing to cancel a reservation must notify the library at least 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting.
 - Paid rental fees will not be refunded with less than 24 hours notice or no notice given.
 - An unpaid rental fee is still due to Franklin Public Library even if the group cancels with less than 24 hours notice.
 - Groups who owe a balance due to Franklin Public Library will not be able to schedule future meetings until the balance has been paid.
 - Groups may not reserve rooms more than 12 times per calendar year.
 - FPL reserves the right to cancel scheduled and confirmed bookings of all or part of the Fadrow Room(s) upon seven (7) days' notice, and of the Sievert Conference Room upon 24-hours' notice.
- Food Service and Consumption
 - A prep-kitchen is available in the Fadrow Room. Use of this room is subject to a charge. Charges are outlined in the Fees section of this policy. The Kitchen must be left clean, and all food and beverages must be removed.
 - Food and beverages may be consumed in the Fadrow Rooms, but all remaining food, beverages, and dishware must be removed or properly disposed.
 - In the Sievert Conference Room, only water may be consumed.
 - Outside groups, with the exception of the Franklin Public Library Foundation, are prohibited from serving and consuming alcohol.
- Damages
 - If rooms are not left in useable condition or if there is damage beyond normal wear and tear, charges may be assessed and/or privileges may be revoked.

The Library Director reserves decision-making authority for the use of all spaces or meeting rooms.