

MEETING ROOM PUBLIC USE POLICY

The primary purpose of the Six Mile Regional Library District (SMRLD) meeting rooms is to provide facilities for SMRLD activities and functions. When the rooms are not needed for SMRLD use, they may be made available for meetings and programs and professional organizations with which SMRLD is affiliated.

Public Use of Meeting Rooms

- In keeping with its mission, Six Mile Regional Library District offers meeting room space to the public for educational, cultural, civic, and recreational purposes, subject to the rules outlined below.
- SMRLD welcomes the use of its meeting rooms by nonprofit groups based in the SMRLD service area, or groups which have a significant number of SMRLD members.
- Failure to abide by this policy may result in cancellation or refusal of future reservations.
- Use of meeting rooms for SMRLD purposes shall take precedence over all other uses.

In allocating the use of meeting rooms, the Trustees of the Six Mile Regional Library District and SMRLD staff shall not discriminate on the basis of the political or religious beliefs of applicant groups, or on any other constitutionally or statutorily-prohibited basis. However, the provision of meeting room space is not the primary mission of SMRLD. No use of meeting rooms that is likely to disturb SMRLD patrons in their customary use of SMRLD facilities, impede SMRLD staff in the performance of their duties, or endanger the SMRLD buildings or collections will be approved or permitted.

Permission to use a SMRLD meeting room does not constitute or imply SMRLD endorsement of the aims, policies or activities of any group or organization, or the views expressed in the meeting. The fact that an organization is permitted to meet at SMRLD does not constitute an endorsement of the organization's beliefs by SMRLD, its staff, or the Six Mile Regional Library District Board of Trustees.

Reservations for meeting room space are on a first-come, first-serve basis. SMRLD meetings have priority and the Six Mile Regional Library District reserves the right to preempt any scheduled meeting. SMRLD will make every effort to give advance notices of such preemption.

Groups using SMRLD meeting rooms must not use advertising and publicity which imply that their programs are sponsored, co-sponsored, endorsed or approved by SMRLD, unless written permission to do so has been previously given by SMRLD's Executive Director. SMRLD is not responsible for the content of the meetings held. The following disclaimer must be included in all written publicity material about the event:

The Six Mile Regional Library District provides library meeting space as a community service. The Library neither sponsors nor endorses this event nor the presenting individual(s) or organization(s).

Reservations may be made no more than three months in advance. No group may consider SMRLD its permanent meeting place or use SMRLD as its mailing address. The Friends of the Six Mile Regional Library District is the sole exception.

Eligibility

All meetings must be reserved by a Six Mile Regional Library District resident who is 18 years of age or older and be held during regular library hours. The person making the reservation shall have a valid SMRLD library card in good standing. Nonprofit and governmental agencies that serve residents in the SMRLD service area may have an official that is not a SMRLD cardholder, but has authority and responsibility to contract on behalf of the group, make reservations.

Meeting rooms are available to groups regardless of the beliefs and affiliations of their members. Permission to use a meeting room does not imply endorsement of any organization or program subject matter.

Organizations will provide a *Certificate of Liability Insurance* in an amount no less than \$1,000,000.00 for use of library property.

Meeting rooms are not available for use by for-profit groups or businesses. As for the use of meeting rooms by nonprofit groups, nonprofit groups may not market or promote a specific service, product, person, or business, or which seeks in part to market or generate new business for a for-profit business or a professional service.

Upon request, groups shall provide SMRLD staff with such materials and information related to ensuring qualification under this policy. Failure to provide this information in a timely manner is grounds for denial of the reservation request and/or cancellation.

No meeting rooms shall be reserved for use which would be in violation of federal, state or local laws or other policies of the Six Mile Regional Library District. SMRLD has the right to define activities that are too noisy for a divided room booking.

Terms of Use

1. Meeting rooms of the Six Mile Regional Library District are designed to meet general informational, educational, cultural, and civic purposes. The room may be used for

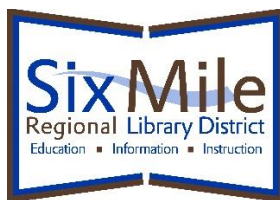
educational, cultural, informational or civic activities and may include lectures, panel discussions, workshops and other similar functions.

2. Meetings must be held during SMRLD's operating hours and conclude at least 15 minutes prior to closing. Meetings may be scheduled only on days when SMRLD is open and during regular operating hours. Cleanup must be completed before SMRLD closes.
3. All meetings, without exception, must be open to the public.
4. All meetings must be free of charge. No admission charge, request for donation or items for sale are approved by SMRLD. Meeting rooms shall not be used for commercial purposes, for the solicitation of business, for profit or for fundraising other than fundraising that supports SMRLD, unless specifically permitted by the SMRLD's Executive Director. No goods or services shall be promoted, sold or exchanged upon the premises. This includes the collection of money to cover the cost of meeting and/or printed material and the collection of "free-will" offerings. "Solicitation" is any act or attempt to advertise, market, or sell any product or service or to seek membership in any organization, or to obtain a donation/contribution.
5. A group or individual cannot transfer use of a SMRLD meeting room.
6. No distribution of campaign or party/group related buttons, flyers, posters, etc. in the building or on the property
7. Fire code requires that no group shall exceed the room capacity. Facility users are responsible for checking for posted fire exits and evacuation procedures.
8. Use of any open flames, including incense or candles is prohibited.
9. The use of tobacco products is prohibited; this includes smoking, chewing, and vaping.
10. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted.
11. SMRLD provides no kitchen facilities; groups wishing to serve limited refreshments may do so only with the permission of SMRLD Administrative Staff. All food or drink must be kept within the meeting room. SMRLD provides no serving equipment. SMRLD will collect a fee of \$25.00 per meeting in this regard; this fee may be waived at the discretion of the SMRLD Executive Director.
12. Groups are responsible for ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) requirements and for providing requested accommodations for meetings or programs. A statement regarding the availability of accommodations must be included in all publicity or notices. Sample statement for publicity: *If you need accommodations to access this meeting or program, please contact (name of person or organization) one week in advance of program or meeting.*
13. The user must restore the meeting room, including furnishings, to the conditions existing prior to use. The user agrees to pay for all damages or losses incurred to the room or its contents, as well as the cost of excessive clean up. If there are any questions about the condition of the room, users are advised to contact a SMRLD staff member.
14. Prior to the use of a SMRLD Meeting room, SMRLD Staff reserves the right to review any signage, decorations, or literature to be displayed in the meeting room for compliance with the meeting room policy. Fliers, signs, or other notices cannot be attached to the painted walls, the ceiling tiles, or any glass surface.
15. Users may not store or leave equipment, supplies, or personal belongings at SMRLD. SMRLD is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

16. Persons using the meeting rooms must abide by the SMRLD Rules of Behavior.
17. SMRLD staff or representatives may enter at any time and on any occasion.
18. Use of any SMRLD facility phone number as a contact phone number for the meeting/event scheduled, including but not limited to written, verbal, or internet, to promote the event is prohibited without prior approval by SMRLD Administration. SMRLD 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. Use of any Library business/staff phone is limited to emergency calls.
19. Organizations wishing to use SMRLD facilities will provide a *Certificate of Liability Insurance* in an amount no less than \$1,000,000.00.

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MEETING ROOM PUBLIC USE PROCEDURES

1. An authorized adult representative of the group must request use of the meeting room and fill in the official form at least one week prior to the event. By signing the form the applicant agrees that the Six Mile Regional Library District Meeting Room Use Policy and the SMRLD Library Behavior Policy apply to the requested use of the space and has been read and understood. Failure to abide by the Policies may disqualify the group from future use of the room.
2. Submit the application at the SMRLD facility where the proposed meeting will be held. SMRLD will review and approve or deny all applications based on the Meeting Room Use Policy. When in doubt, the application will be referred to the SMRLD Executive Director for consultation.
3. Provide a *Certificate of Liability Insurance* in an amount not less than \$1,000,000.00 for each date requested.
4. By signing the application, user(s) accept responsibility for damage or loss to SMRLD's meeting room equipment and furnishings. The person who signs the application is responsible for the conduct of the group. Groups sponsoring events are responsible for liability of the participants, both active participants and the audience, in any program on SMRLD property.
5. Any fees due to SMRLD are to be collected prior to use of the meeting room.
6. Any applicant denied use of a SMRLD meeting room may appeal the denial in writing to the Executive Director. The Executive Director will review the application and respond in writing to the applicant.
7. SMRLD reserves the right to cancel a scheduled meeting for any reason. SMRLD will make every effort to avoid a cancellation but does reserve the right.
8. SMRLD staff should be notified in advance of cancellations.

If you have additional questions about use of the meeting room contact: 618.452.6238 ext. 302 or email the library at: adminassist@smrld.org