



Meeting Room Policy

- The Boyden Library has two meeting rooms - the Community Meeting Room, suitable for large group meetings, and the Fuller Conference Room, suitable for small group or committee meetings. The rooms are available for use on the following basis:
- Library programs and activities have first priority for meeting room use. Groups may be requested to modify their bookings to accommodate library needs.
- The eligible groups listed below will be considered in the order in which their reservations are received:
 - Groups affiliated with the Boyden Library (i.e., Friends of Boyden Library)
 - Town of Foxborough departments, boards, and school-related meetings
 - Non-profit organizations based in Foxborough that present meetings of public interest or non-profit groups that have a significant connection to the Foxborough community. (Organizations may be asked to provide proof of non-profit status)
- All meetings must be open to the public, and free of charge to all attending.
- Meeting rooms are not available for individual use, private meetings or appointments, tutoring or group study, camps, private social functions, political campaigns¹, religious services, or any activities in public spaces restricted by law.
- Meeting rooms are available for use during hours the library is open, with the exception of Sundays which are only available for booking at the discretion of the Library Director.
- Monday – Thursday evening meetings must end by 9:30 pm; Friday afternoon meetings by 5:30 pm; and Saturday afternoon meetings by 4:30 pm (1:30pm on Summer Saturdays).
- Meetings may be booked up to six months in advance, and the Community Meeting Room may only be booked once a month per group or organization. Because of the high demand for meeting rooms at Boyden, the library reserves the right to rescind booking privileges if a group does not use its reserved dates and fails to notify the library in a timely fashion.

¹ Political campaigns for the purposes of this policy is defined as the following: Campaign activities include fundraisers, galas, block parties, meet and greet events, town days, community events, dinners with supporters, campaign staff and volunteer meetings, canvassing, phone banking, door knocking, get-out-the-vote efforts, voter registration efforts, sign holding, participation in debates, public appearances, and similar events and activities likely to enhance the political future of the candidate. (970 CMR 2.06(3)(y)2, Massachusetts Office of Campaign and Political Finance regulations)

- The meeting rooms are not available for commercial or fund-raising programs or activities other than by library groups.
- Food and beverages are allowed only for library sponsored events.
- Set-up, take-down, and clean-up of the meeting rooms is the responsibility of the group using the room.
- No alcoholic beverages may be served at meetings.
- Meeting room use is available on an equitable basis to all groups and organizations regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of the group, provided that all other criteria listed are met.
- The library seeks the broadest possible community use of its meeting rooms and can make no commitment to host the regular meetings of any single group or organization.
- Use of the meeting rooms by a group or organization does not in any way constitute an endorsement of the group or organization's policies or beliefs by the Boyden Library.
- All scheduled meetings must be contained within the Community Meeting Room and/or Fuller Conference Room. Use of lobbies, hallways, or library space is not permitted unless specifically authorized by the Library Director.
- Meeting room use must not interfere with or disrupt the programs, activities, and normal operations of the library, must not cause a security risk or safety hazard to library staff, property, or patrons, and must not violate local, state, or federal laws.
- Failure to observe this Meeting Room Policy will result in loss of Meeting Room Booking privileges.
- Any individual or group/organization using a meeting room agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Boyden Library, Board of Trustees, the Town of Foxborough and its officials for any and all liability which may occur from the use of the premises.
- Boyden Library and the Town of Foxborough assume no responsibility for the loss, theft or damage of any property of any group/organization or individual using Library facilities.

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