

Gowanda Free Library Meeting Room Policy

Policy:

The meeting room of the Gowanda Free Library is available when the Library is open. It may be used for general information, educational, cultural and civic needs in accordance with the Library's mission and the American Library Association's "Library Bill of Rights" which states, "Libraries that make exhibit spaces and meeting rooms available to the public they serve should make such facilities available on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use." Permission to use a meeting room does not imply Library endorsement of the views expressed, goals, policies, or activities of any grouper organization. The content of programs held in the meeting rooms has not been reviewed or approved by the Library, and the organization booking the room is solely responsible for such content.

A request for use of the meeting room is required prior to use. All use of Library meeting room must be approved by a Library director.

All Library visitors are expected to comply with the Library's current Rules of Conduct. For-profit groups or organizations/individuals soliciting or selling products, services, or memberships are not eligible to use the Library meeting rooms for those purposes.

Meeting Room Regulations

1. Children's and youth groups may use the facility, provided that they are adequately supervised by adult sponsors.
2. Light refreshments may be served if requested to the director and if the kitchenette (where available) is left in an orderly condition.
3. Groups cannot use the Library's name, address or telephone number as their official address or contact information.
4. Permission to use a meeting room does not constitute an endorsement by the Library of a program or point of view. Any advertisement, press release, media announcement, posters, or handouts about events in the Library's meeting rooms must state that the event is not a program of, nor sponsored by the Gowanda Free Library. The Library may ask to see such notices prior to the public release.
5. When making a booking, please include time for your group to set-up and also return the room to its standard arrangement. Any setting up of chairs or rearrangement of furniture and other equipment must be done by the users and then replaced to a standard arrangement when finished. Additional tables and chairs are available upon request.
6. The Library is not able to guarantee that a particular time slot will continue to be available to any individual or organization on an ongoing basis.
7. The Library reserves the right to reschedule confirmed meeting room reservations to accommodate Library sponsored meetings or programs. However, every effort will be made to avoid such conflicts and/or to offer alternative options.
8. Failure to adhere to meeting room policies or regulations may result in revocation of meeting room privileges