



MERRILL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

THIRD FLOOR MEETING ROOM USE POLICY and APPLICATION

Intent: Our goal is to establish reasonable rules to facilitate the purpose of the library and to encourage and welcome the community, in all its diversity, to use the building for activities related to non-profit, literary, cultural, educational and community events by individuals and groups. We understand and celebrate the diverse functions now sponsored by libraries, and wish to respond to the Yarmouth community's needs and wishes. In general, MML is guided by the "Use of Meeting Room Space" of the Town of Yarmouth.

Procedures: Requests for use of either third-floor rooms must be made by application. These are available both online and at the library. Completed applications should be submitted to library staff who will verify room availability and whether the event fits with MML guidelines. All applications must be approved by the library director. MML sponsored programs will take precedence over programs sponsored by outside organizations.

1. All groups are asked to remember that they are in a Library building and as such, are expected to come and go from the meeting rooms quietly.
2. Applications for recurring reservations can be submitted only 60 days ahead of time.
3. To allow the use of library meetings rooms by as many groups as possible, no group may use meeting rooms more than 2 times each month and more than 24 times each year.
4. Use of the meeting rooms must be consistent with the mission and policies of the library. Meeting room activities cannot disrupt the business of the library and the enjoyment of other library patrons. Noisy activities will not be allowed during library open hours. Social events are not permitted.
5. Groups using the meetings rooms during library hours will be restricted to the use of 5 parking spaces. Additional parking is available on Main Street and at Town Hall.
6. Advertising for an event must show the organization's contact phone number, not the MML phone number and include the parking policy described in #5 above.
7. The sponsoring organization must have a representative at the front door if the event is held during library closed hours. The doors may not be unlocked and unattended.
8. Children require adult supervision at all times and may not be left unattended in the library during any event.
9. The sponsoring organization must receive instruction on use of AV equipment during library open hours prior to event.
10. Materials and equipment may not be stored at MML in advance or following any event.
11. The Town of Yarmouth prohibits the serving of alcohol in all municipal buildings. The kitchenette on the third floor may be used for the serving of non-alcoholic beverages and light snacks but must be left as it was found. Because of the limited kitchen facilities, refreshments cannot consist of meals or banquets.

12. Room setup: Groups are welcome to rearrange the furniture, but **DO NOT DRAG CHAIRS AND TABLES ACROSS THE WOODEN FLOOR**. At the conclusion of an event, the sponsoring organization is responsible for returning the room(s) to the state in which they were found. Furniture should be put back, trash removed, etc. Diagrams of standard room layouts are located near the light switch.
13. Failure to comply with the provisions of this policy will result in:
 - a. Imposition of a cleaning fee or trash removal fee
 - b. Restriction of future use of the meeting rooms; or
 - c. Forfeiture of the offending organization's privilege to use the library meeting rooms.
14. Meeting rooms may not be used to conduct personal political campaigns or religious worship. However, meetings to discuss religion or politics are welcome.

Room use hours: Yarmouth residents may use the rooms outside of the library's normal open hours. The Yarmouth resident must sign the room use application, take possession and responsibility for a key to the building and operating the intrusion alarm.

All non-Yarmouth organizations are restricted to using the rooms during library open hours which are listed below unless otherwise posted:

Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
 Tuesday and Wednesday: 10:00 am to 8:00 pm
 Closed Saturdays in July and August and on holiday weekends.

Fees for room use:

Payment is expected on the day of event.

Non-profits/Schools/Municipal Government

- Yarmouth No charge
- Non-Yarmouth \$40 ½ day; \$80 full day

For-profit businesses

- Yarmouth \$40 ½ day; \$80 full day
- Non-Yarmouth \$50 ½ days; \$100 full day

(½ day = 3 hours, full day = 3-6 hours)

Rental fees are charged so that no taxpayer is forced to subsidize group activities with which they disagree.

Room Specifications:

Lewis Hall

- Capacity - 65 people
- Format - lecture hall with chairs
- AV equipment - drop-down video screen, microphones, computer connectivity

Trustees' Meeting Room

- Capacity - 12-15 people
- Format - conference table with chairs
- AV equipment - drop down screen and portable projector



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MEETING ROOM USE APPLICATION

Organization Name:

Name of Yarmouth resident who is a member of this group (if applicable):

Name, phone and email address of person responsible for this meeting:

This organization is a (circle one): non-profit for-profit

If applicable, payment is expected on the day of event. _____
(rec'd by staff initial and date)

Event date & time:

Please note, rooms are only available during library open hours, unless being used by a Yarmouth resident:
Mon, Thurs, Fri & Sat 10:00 am - 5:00 pm; Tues & Wed 10:00 am - 8:00 pm; Closed Saturdays in July and August
and on holiday weekends.

Room requested (circle one): Lewis Hall Trustees Office

Briefly describe your function and the number of attendees:

A-V equipment needed (please circle): Screen projector microphone
Instruction available during library open hours

Use of kitchenette (please circle): Yes No