



Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg Library
MEETING ROOM REGULATIONS

As part of its service to the community, the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County has meeting rooms available for public use when they are not scheduled for library activities, subject to the regulations below.

Fees (effective 01/01/2008)

Fees and rates vary depending on the facility and services requested, the for-profit/not-for-profit status of the group, and the length of time booked. Fees will not be charged for non-profit organizations, library-sponsored programs and events; library organizations and organizations of which the Library is a member; governmental organizations; quiet study space; volunteer tutoring; and proctoring. Non-profit organizations must document their status with proof of their current 501(c)(3) status. If that is not available, the Manager of the Library location will decide if the group can meet free of charge as a non-profit.

Meeting Room Facility	Capacity	Profit Org.	
		Up to 4 hrs	All day
* Meeting Room (Branch Libraries)	Up to 49	\$ 50	\$100
* Meeting Room (Branch Libraries)	50-100	\$ 75	\$150
* Main Library – Francis Auditorium	60	\$100	\$200
* Main Library – Dickson Board Room	15	\$100	\$200
* Main Library – Dalton Conf. Room	25	\$ 50	\$100
* Main Library – VV Dowd Room	9	\$ 50	\$100
* Main Library – VV Training Room	12	\$ 100	\$150

MEETING ROOM FACILITIES

Beatties Ford Road – Auditorium (704-416-3000)	45
Beatties Ford Road – Conference Room	8
Carmel (704-416-3400)	30
Cornelius (704-416-3800)	24
Davidson (704-416-4000)	30
Freedom Regional (704-416-4200)	48
Hickory Grove (704-416-4400)	30
ImaginOn (704-973-2780).....	call for info
Independence Regional (704-416-4800)	60
Matthews (704-416-5000)	40
Mint Hill (704-416-5200)	45
Morrison Regional – Auditorium (704-416-5400)	65
Morrison Regional – Conference Room	12
Mountain Island (704-416-5600)	44
North County Regional – Community Room (704-416-6000).....	80
North County Regional – Conference Room	10
Plaza Midwood (704-416-6200)	30
Scaleybark (704-416-6400)	20
South County Regional – Community Room (704-416-6600)	60
South County Regional – Conference Room (A)	6
South County Regional – Conference Room (B)	8
Steele Creek (704-416-6800)	25
Steele Creek – Community Room.....	50
Steele Creek – Conference Room	8
Sugar Creek (704-416-7000)	40
University City Regional (704-416-7200)	60
West Boulevard – Community Room (704-416-7400)	90
West Boulevard – Conference Room	10

Additional Fees:

- \$30.00 for events with food items other than packaged snacks including but not limited to catered, carry-out or delivery, or covered dish meals. Food of any sort is permissible only at libraries with kitchen facilities in the meeting rooms (Main, Beatties Ford Road, Davidson, Plaza-Midwood, West Boulevard, and Regional Libraries).
- Main Library only: \$15.00 per hour charge (2-hour minimum) for Audio/Visual Equipment use requiring projection booth or technician services. This includes the use of microphones. This fee must be submitted a minimum of 2 weeks prior to scheduled meeting.

Note: All applicable fees are to be paid in advance and submitted with the Meeting Room Reservation Request Form. A 7-day cancellation notice is required in order to receive a refund.

Applications:

1. A completed Reservation Request Form must be filled out, along with an attachment describing your organization and what will take place in your meeting. **Do not send payment until you are advised that your meeting can be held at a PLCMC location.**
2. Reservations must be made by an adult (18 years of age or older) representative of the group.
3. Meeting rooms are booked on a first come, first served basis. Reservations must be made 24 hours prior to the meeting, but not more than three months in advance.
4. A group may schedule only one meeting on the calendar at a time. No regularly scheduled meetings are permitted. With approval from the Executive Director, several consecutive dates may be booked for a single event.
5. A seven-day notice of cancellation is required in order to receive a refund.

Group Qualifications:

6. Meetings must be free and open to the public and media.
7. Access shall be provided equitably, regardless of beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups.
8. Permission to use the library facilities does not constitute an endorsement by the Library of the user or user's beliefs.
9. The group or individual will be financially responsible for any damage to library property.
10. Upon adequate notice and for adequate reasons, the Library reserves the right to revoke permission to use library meeting rooms.

Publicity:

11. Neither the name nor the address of the Library may be used as the official address or headquarters of an individual or organization.
12. Groups will not be permitted to post any signs or materials on library property.

Rules and Regulations:

13. Programs must take place within usual library hours. All meetings must end 30 minutes before the Library closes (Mon – Thu 8:30 p.m. / Fri, Sat & Sun 5:30 p.m.).
14. Any extensions of time to hold meetings beyond usual Library hours must be specifically granted in writing by the Executive Director. Groups using the Main Library meeting rooms after hours will be required to pay a fee for maintenance and security.
15. **PROHIBITED USES:** The meeting room will not be used for:

- a. Sectarian or denominational religious instruction, worship services or ceremonies. Discussion groups studying great religious books such as the Bible, Koran, Torah, etc. are permitted.
 - b. Rallies or campaigns for specific partisan political issues or candidates.
 - c. Non-library related groups soliciting business or actively selling items or services.
 - d. Non-library related groups charging admission, fees or contributions or soliciting donations.
 - e. Activities likely to disturb regular library functions.
 - f. Commercial purposes such as a meeting for the advertising, promotion or sale of products or services, memberships or programs immediately or at a later time.
 - g. Fund-raising activities or events, except those sponsored by the Library for funds for the Library.
 - h. Any unlawful purposes.
 - i. Social gatherings, social clubs, social activities, unless sponsored by the Library.
 - j. Dance or music recitals, unless sponsored by the Library.
16. Facilities shall be left in a clean and orderly condition. Room arrangement shall be the responsibility of the user group and must be left in the same arrangement as found.
 17. Smoking is not permitted in the Library.
 18. Attendance will be limited to fire code regulations at each location.
 19. Meetings may not disrupt the use of the Library by others, and persons attending the meetings are otherwise subject to all Library regulations and policies.

Refreshments and Equipment:

20. Groups may serve packaged snack foods and nonalcoholic refreshments such as bottled water, soft drinks or coffee in libraries with kitchen facilities in the meeting rooms (Main, Beatties Ford Road, Davidson, Plaza-Midwood, West Boulevard and Regional Libraries). However, there will be a charge of \$30.00 for any non-library group or individual who plans food service in one of the meeting rooms. This includes but is not limited to commercially catered food, carry-out or delivered meals, and covered dish meals. **Clean up is mandatory. The user group will be charged a clean up fee if the meeting room is left unclean.
21. Requests for Audio/Visual equipment must be indicated on the Reservation Request Form. Groups using the Audio/Visual equipment or projection booth services at the Main Library must submit requests and applicable payment a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the scheduled meeting. There will be a \$15.00 per hour charge (2-hour minimum) for use of Audio/Visual Equipment requiring projection booth or technician services.
22. The Library is not responsible for materials or equipment brought into the Library by individuals or groups. Such materials or equipment may not be stored in the Library between meetings.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH REGULATIONS OR ABUSE OF ANY OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED PRIVILEGES WILL RESULT IN SUSPENSION OF RIGHT TO USE.

Problems or complaints shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Director.