



Taber Public Library Policy Manual

General Policy: Rental of Library Facilities

PURPOSE:

The Taber Public Library views its facility resource as a viable community asset. Meeting rooms are provided for library and library-related programs and meetings. After these needs are met, the meeting room facilities are available to groups and organizations in accordance with this policy as established by the Board.

POLICY:

The Taber Public Library, as a community resource, welcomes the opportunity for making its meeting areas available to community groups whenever these areas are not required for normal library use.

Taber Public Library will make meeting rooms available to the public on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use. Allowing use of the meeting rooms or facilities in no way correlates to the library endorsing the nature of the free expression of any individual or group using the room or facility.

GUIDELINES:

1. The use of these meeting areas is subject to prior approval of the Library Board and/or Library Manager. Any such approval shall be for a maximum of one (1) year, at the end of which time, the Library Board will review the continued use of the facility.
2. The fact that a group is permitted to meet at the Library does not in any way constitute an endorsement of the group's policies or beliefs by Library staff or Board.
3. It is understood that library programming will have first priority in room use.
4. Program room is available after 9:00 am on Tuesdays through Saturdays, and after 10:00am on Saturdays.
5. Room Booking forms must be filled out in full and damage deposit and rental fees must be paid for at least one week in advance of key being issued. Key will only be issued on the day of the program if the program is being held after hours. Key is to be dropped off in the book return located at the southwest corner of the library once program has ended. All bookings must be made through the Program Coordinator. Booking of the room must include set-up time and take-down time.
6. Bookings will require a \$100.00 damage deposit (to be paid by cheque) which is refundable upon end of booking term if no damage has been incurred. Room rental fees can be paid by either cash or cheque (separate from damage deposit).

GUIDELINES...continued

7. All events require the organization renting the room to be responsible for all set up of tables and chairs and take down at end of event. All events and any necessary clean-up must be completed prior to 9:30 pm. This includes taking down the tables and putting them and the chairs back where they belong. The inside program room door must be locked and the outside door firmly closed. Should the room not be left in the condition it was presented in, a fee of \$50.00 per hour will be charged for cleaning which will be deducted from the initial room deposit at the managers discretion.
8. Please see Schedule "C" under Library Bylaws for room and equipment fees.
9. The Taber Library is not responsible for any equipment, supplies, materials, clothing, or other items brought to the Library by any group or individual attending a meeting.
- 9.1 Taber Library will provide chairs, tables, projector, sound system and use of fridge/sink. All items used must be put back where they were at end of program.
10. Taber Library Board and staff do not assume any liability for groups or individuals attending a meeting in the library. All items belonging to groups that use the program room must not be stored at the library and the library is not liable for any personal belongings that are missing.
11. Refreshments other than alcohol may be served and shall be provided by the group. Smoking is not allowed anywhere on library premises, including outside area and grounds.
12. Any group or individual using the room(s) shall leave it in neat, orderly condition, including the return of tables and chairs. Should the room not be left in the same order it was rented out to, the organization renting the room will be subject to a cleaning fee of \$50.00/hour and this will be taken from the initial damage deposit.
13. Lost keys – damage deposit will be forfeit at the Library Manager's discretion and additional charges may be assessed to cover cost of re-keying locks. Keys must be dropped in the book drop immediately after the event.

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