

Room Rental Terms & Conditions

Under the authority of the Public Libraries Act, 1984 and subject to the approval of the Guelph Public Library Board or CEO, meeting rooms may be rented by groups or organizations interested in the promotion of educational, cultural and leisure activities in the form of meetings, seminars and workshops.

- Booking priority for the use of library meeting rooms will be on a first come basis.
- Rooms may not be booked by any groups with the intent of breaking any laws, promoting racist or obscene programs, may not be in contraventions of the Ontario Human Rights Code, 1990 and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, 1982. The library reserves the right to monitor any meeting held in its facilities to determine compliance.
- All room rental applications are made through the Administration Office at the Main library (100 Norfolk Street). Applicants for room rental must be 18 years of age or older and may be request to provide proof. The library reserves the right to review the room rental application/agreement form. Acceptance or refusal of a specific booking shall be at the discretion of the CEO. Any person or group so refused may appeal in writing to the library board within 2 business days. If it is the intent of the group to appeal the decision it must be communicated to the Administration Office within 1 business day of receiving the refusal from the CEO.
- A rental fee is charged in accordance with the size of the room and its facilities. There are two fee schedules one for non-profit and one applying to for-profit groups. If a non-profit group charges admission or “passes the hat” at the program offered, the for profit rate will apply.
- Rooms will be rented and charged based on a minimum of 2 hours.
- A representative of the group or organization will be required to sign the **Room rental application/agreement** form and the **waiver and release of liability and assumption of risk form** which states that the group is responsible for damages and indemnifies the Guelph Public Library Board against any and all claims arising out of the group’s use of facilities. Groups must designate a contact person responsible for room bookings.
- Organizations renting space from the library must: clearly specify their official name in all advertisements of meetings held in the library, add the following disclaimer to all promotional materials: **“This program is not sponsored by the Guelph Public Library and the library carries no responsibility for its content.”** Distribution of promotional material in the library and/or including the library’s social media sites for events held in the library is not permitted, except for library co-sponsored events or with the prior approval of the CEO.
- The payment of any professional fee to a performer or speaker is the responsibility of the sponsoring group or organization.
- Smoking is not permitted. Possession consumption of alcohol is not permitted. Use of open flames, smoke or odour produced by burning aromatic substances such as candles or incense is strictly prohibited. Food preparation, cooking or re-heating is not allowed in the library.
- Organizations are responsible for complying with all applicable laws and by-laws as well as the library’s rules of Acceptable Behaviour.
- Organizations are responsible for ensuring that the allowable seating capacity of the room is not exceeded.

- Set-up of the tables, chairs and equipment before, and clean-up of the room after the event is the responsibility of the organization renting the facilities. Renters should allow sufficient time for the set-up and clean-up of the room as part of the booking. Set-up can be arranged for an additional fee.
- Should an organization fail to vacate the room by library closing then an automatic charge of \$50 shall be payable to the renter for each 15 min period.
- The use of the library facilities shall be subject to the supervision of the employees of the Library Board or persons hired by the Library Board for that purpose.
- The library does not permit solicitation within the building, either in person or by petition.
- It is the responsibility of the renting group to evacuate the room in case of fire alarm or other emergency and maintain a log to ensure that all participants have safely evacuated. It is also the group's responsibility to inform the Fire Warden of the library that everyone has been evacuated.
- The library is not responsible for damage to, theft, or loss of articles or property belonging to the persons renting library rooms and/or programs attendees.
- Use of any equipment must be requested at the time of application for meeting room facilities.
- The library, in its sole discretions, reserves the right to accept or refuse as reservation, or to cancel any book at its discretion or terminate this agreement and the applicant's right to the use of the premises if:
 - The library becomes aware of the use contrary to the law.
 - Subleasing the premises.
 - The applicant has misrepresented anything in the contract.
 - There is a likelihood of harm to any person or property.
 - The library becomes aware the premises are intended to be a permanent or long-term location for the applicant's activities.
 - The applicant has previously misused the premises or other library facilities or has failed to pay any fees of any sort owing to the library.
 - The applicant has failed to make full payment for the use of the premises by the time of confirmation of booking of such use.
- If the library is unable to provide the premises for the applicant's use due to matters beyond the library's reasonable control, including but not limited to damage to the premises or labour disruption, then the booking shall be terminated and the applicant shall be entitled to a refund of fees it has paid the library. The applicant will waive any claims for damages or compensation on such account of such termination other than the refund referred to above.

Booking, Fees, Payment, Cancellations and Refunds

- Meeting rooms may be booked by phone or online but a signed Room Rental Application/Agreement Form must be returned to the library within 10 business days of the verbal booking or a minimum of 14 days prior to the booking. If the signed form long with full payment is not received the room will not be held.
- Meeting rooms may be booked 6 months in advance based on availability. The library reserves the right to limit the number of bookings.
- Equipment may be rented as per attached fee schedule (appendix A).

- Technical assistance may not be available from library personnel. Such assistance if required must be arranged in advance and will be subject to an additional fee.
- Laptops and other computer equipment are not provided by the library and no direct links may be established to the library's dedicated computer network.
- Payment must be made in advance. The library accepts credit card, cash and cheques payable to the Guelph Public Library. NSF cheques will be subject to a \$25 handling charge in addition to the charges incurred by the renter's bank.
- Cancellations for room bookings must be submitted in writing at least 14 days in advance. Groups will be charged full rental amount and no refunds on prepayments will be given if cancellation is not made 14 days in advance of the booking.
- At the discretion of the library CEO, rental charges may be waived if the activities of the group closely relate to the activities of the library or when the group is partnering with the library in its delivery of a program.