

## **MEETING AND CONFERENCE ROOMS**

### **MEETING ROOMS**

The Jefferson-Madison Regional Library welcomes groups (more than two people) to use its meeting rooms for civic, cultural, and educational activities and for discussion of current public questions. The meeting rooms are available for use during hours the Library is open on equal terms to all groups in the community, regardless of the beliefs and affiliations of their members, provided that the meetings are open to the public. The fact that a group is permitted to use a room does not in any way constitute an endorsement of the group's policies or beliefs by the Library. All literature and publicity regarding meeting room activities must clearly identify the sponsor(s). Where access to a meeting room is independent of the Library, restricting hours to when the Library is open does not apply. Meeting room use requires completion of a JMRL Meeting Room Registration form (JMRL Form: Section 5.1) by an authorized group/organization representative with a valid JMRL library card.

Library and Library-sponsored activities have first priority in scheduling; and, thereafter, the rooms are available for informational public gatherings. If a party reserving a meeting room does not arrive within 15 minutes of the scheduled reservation time, library staff may make the room available to other users. When not in use, rooms may be available to individuals on a first-come, first-served basis for up to 3 hours per day. The rooms are not available for programs involving the sale, advertising, or promotion of commercial products or services, regardless of purpose, except programs of Jefferson-Madison Regional Library, Friends of Jefferson-Madison Regional Library, the Virginia Library Association, the Virginia Festival of the Book, or the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library Board of Trustees, at which programs performers/presenters are permitted to sell sound recordings, videos and books related to their performance/presentation. Library staff shall not be involved in such sales in any fashion.

Solicitation is not permitted in meeting rooms; however, local offices of Voter Registration and/or their designees may use library facilities to encourage voter registration.

The Library Director or Branch Manager may, upon application in writing, extend meeting room use beyond regular library hours. Such extensions may require that janitorial service fees be paid by the group or organization using the room.

Meetings or classes held in library meeting rooms must be open to the public free of charge. Fees to cover only the cost of materials and supplies may be charged by publicly-funded institutions and accredited educational facilities.

Guidelines for the use of the meeting rooms in each facility are available.

### **CONFERENCE ROOMS (NORTHSIDE LIBRARY)**

The Jefferson-Madison Regional Library welcomes individuals and small group to use the Library's conference rooms. The conference rooms are designed to meet the needs of Library users who want to work individually or in small groups for limited periods of time. The rooms are not available for social gatherings and are not intended for the conduct of daily business or regular "office hours."

Conference rooms may be reserved in advance for a single block of time of up to 3 hours. At the conclusion of the first 3 hours, users may reserve an additional block of time, up to an additional 3 hours, if a room is available. When not reserved or in use, rooms may be available on a first-come, first-served basis with the same time limits.

A valid JMRL library card shall be required to check out a conference room key. While in use,

conference room doors must remain unlocked and windows may NOT be covered.

Covered drinks and dry snacks (e.g., food generally dispensed in vending machines) are permitted in conference rooms, but hot foods are prohibited.

Individuals and groups may not store personal belongings or supplies in conference rooms.

The following rules for the Library meeting rooms also apply to conference rooms:

1. The Library does not endorse the policies or beliefs of anyone using the rooms.
2. Library and Library-sponsored activities have first priority in scheduling.
3. If a party reserving a meeting room does not arrive within 15 minutes of the scheduled reservation time, library staff may make the room available to other users.
4. The rooms are not available for the sale, advertising, or promotion of products or services.
5. Solicitation is not permitted, except by local officers of Voter Registration to encourage voter registration.

Guidelines for the use of conference rooms are available.