

Subject: Community Rooms

Purpose:

The Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library provides community rooms and other spaces that facilitate the sharing of ideas and enrichment of the community.

Policy:

Free use of Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library Community Rooms is available to non-profit organizations; civic and community groups; educational and school groups; study and tutoring groups; religious groups; government agencies; and businesses, when meeting for non-commercial purposes. Persons aged 18 or over may reserve Community Rooms.

Community Rooms may not be used for social gatherings; fund raising events (except those benefiting Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library); the sale, advertising, or promotion of commercial products or services; solicitation for offsite sales; nor any event where an admission is charged.

Library and Library-sponsored activities have first priority in advance scheduling of Community Rooms. Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library limits the amount of time in advance rooms may be requested to ensure room availability for library programming, and equitable availability of the rooms. The Library may limit the number of Community Room reservations per month for an organization, based on demand for meeting space. These limits may vary among library branches.

Use of the Community Room must not interfere with, impede or disrupt the public's normal use of the library. The Library Director may deny a meeting room reservation request if a meeting may cause a substantial disruption in regular library service.

All rooms are made available on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of the groups requesting their use. Permission to use a Community Room does not constitute an endorsement by the MFRL Board of Trustees, the Library or any local government of a group's policies or beliefs. Groups shall not imply library sponsorship of their meeting, nor list the library's telephone number as a point-of-contact. The Library cannot take registrations on behalf of a community group, nor store any material or equipment for a community group.

All community use of the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library Community Rooms must comply with MFRL Community Room Terms and Conditions; with MFRL 115: Patron Behavior; and all other applicable policies. MFRL Community Room Terms and Conditions are specified in the Community Room Reservation system at <https://www.mfml.org/>

References:

- **Library Bill of Rights** (Adopted June 18, 1948, by the ALA Council; amended February 2, 1961; January 23, 1980; inclusion of “age” reaffirmed January 23, 1996.) Endorsed by the MFRL Board of Trustees on November 15, 2000; April 20, 2011, September 21, 2016.

Attachments:

None

Approval:

Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library Board of Trustees

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Date



Natalie Cherbaka, Chair