



Grand Rapids Public Library

Room Guidelines and Rental Agreement

Criteria For Events

- Library facilities may be used for activities not sponsored or administered by the Grand Rapids Public Library when those activities are educational, cultural, or for the betterment of the community.
- Library facilities are available to nonprofit and for-profit organizations for meetings and programs, but are not to be used for fundraising, business development, sales, or commercial activities.
- Library facilities are not available for social events such as showers, birthday parties, weddings and receptions, or private receptions.
- All activities must be free to attend and such use shall not include distribution of literature, solicitation for memberships, and/or payment of dues.
- The library will not discriminate in the use of its facilities based upon race, creed, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, marital status, sexual orientation, veteran status, or gender expression/identity, or other criteria prohibited by law.
- GRPL is a neutral party and will not rent their facilities for events that solicit funds or seek the advancement of a political candidate or movement. Rooms may be rented for an educational or discussion-driven town hall that does not solicit funds or distribute literature. Library facilities are not available for political fundraisers.
- Permitting use of library facilities does not constitute library endorsement of the organization; the goals, objectives, or activities of the organization; or the content of any communication made by the organization.

Reservation Guidelines and Responsibilities of User

- Eligible organizations may reserve the facilities for meetings and programs up to 12 times per year. The library is not available for recurring or standing reservations.
- If a partnership event is recurring, GRPL will reserve multiple dates/times up until the end of the current Event Term, after which future instances of the event must be resubmitted for approval for the next term in accordance with the below chart:

	Event Term		
	Spring Term	Summer Term	Fall Term
Room Rental/Event Date	January February March April	May June July August	September October November December
Room Reservation Requests Open	December 1	April 1	August 1

- Users agree to honor the start and finish time of their rental agreement. They will not have access to the room before the agreed upon start time and will have completely vacated the room by the agreed upon finish time, unless other arrangements have been made.
 - Facilities are available:

- Monday – Thursday 9:30 am – 8:30 pm
- Friday – Saturday 9:30 am – 5:30 pm
- Users are welcome to bring their own computer or device, but library staff are unable to provide additional equipment and assistance. If library equipment is being used, the user must use the software available on the computer. No new software may be installed and existing software may not be reconfigured or changed in any way.
- User is financially responsible for any and all damage to library property.
- The Room Reservation Agreement must be submitted and all rental fees must be paid two weeks prior to the reserved date or the reservation will be canceled.
- Attaching or posting signs to walls is prohibited.
- User agrees that they are renting only the space agreed upon between the user and the library as written in their agreement. Areas of the building not being rented must not be used.

Room Fees

- Main Library – Vander Veen Center for the Book
 - Rate: \$100 (4 hours or less) + \$25 for each additional hour or partial hour
- Main Library – Ryerson Auditorium
 - Rate: \$325 (4 hours or less) + \$75 for each additional hour or partial hour not to exceed \$625

Please note that room fees include the use of the library's tables, chairs, internet, laptop, HDMI cables, VGA adapter, monitor or projector and screen, and each space's unique offerings. Please see the following room setup pages for lists of specific items available. The room fee does not include parking.

Parking

The Main Library offers 2 hours of free parking for patrons in the gated lot east of the library entrance. Tickets must be validated by the machine in the lobby. After 2 hours, the rate for parking is \$2.00/half hour. The library does not offer validation for street parking.

For those with a room reservation, a limited number of parking passes can be made available upon request, dependent on lot availability. If users would like to provide parking for guests, contact the library's Business Office.

Food and Drink

Refreshments may only be served in the Ryerson Auditorium, the Vander Veen Center for the Book, and the Yankee Clipper Meeting Area with prior permission. Food is not allowed outside of the rooms.

Payment

Room fees are due no later than 2 weeks prior to the event. We accept checks, money orders, and credit cards (American Express, Discover, MasterCard, and Visa).

Please make checks payable to **Grand Rapids Public Library** and send to:

Grand Rapids Public Library
Business Office
111 Library St. NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Contact Information

To reserve a meeting room at the Main Library, please email rooms@grpl.org or call 616-988-5409.

Cross-reference: Board Policies 10-5, 10-7, and 40-6