

SECTION 5

FACILITIES

ARCADIA PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING ROOM RULES

The Cay Mortenson Auditorium is available to community groups or organizations for meetings of a civic, cultural, charitable, intellectual or educational nature. This policy is in keeping with Article 6 of the Library Bill of Rights which the Library Board has adopted: "Libraries which make exhibit spaces and meeting rooms available to the public they serve should make such facilities available on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use." Meetings in the Auditorium must be open and free to the public.

The facilities are available at no charge to the following organizations:

- City of Arcadia
- Friends of the Library
- Arcadia Public Library Foundation
- Arcadia Unified School District
(District activities of community interest not normally held at a school site.)

The facilities are available for a fee to the following:

- Non-profit organizations
- Music teachers and students for music recitals.

The facilities are not available for the following:

- Commercial organizations
- Private parties.
- Use by organizations on a regular basis (every day, week or month.)

Application for the use of the Auditorium shall be made in the Administration Office no more than three months in advance and at least 48 hours prior to the date of use. Priority will be given to Library-sponsored activities. The Auditorium is available only during the hours the Library is open to the public. The Library may at its sole discretion reject an application. Any scheduled group may be asked to reschedule a particular meeting in order to make the room available for a special purpose.

Fees for the use of the Auditorium are payable preferably at the time of application, but not later than two weeks prior to the scheduled date or the reservation will be cancelled.

- There is a fee of \$80.00 per hour for the Auditorium, with a two hour minimum. The total fee is derived by multiplying the hourly fee by the number of hours (including any portion of an hour which shall be rounded up to a full hour) of the proposed and approved use.
- When groups will be serving food or beverage in the auditorium, there is an additional charge of \$50.00.
- When use of the Library's piano is proposed, there is a \$50 rental fee.
- Fees will be refunded only if applicant notifies the Library of intent to cancel at least two full weeks prior to the scheduled event.

The Auditorium will be available at no charge for setup thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the event. Cleanup must be completed by the end of the scheduled time. The Library reserves the right to bill a user after an event if the time used exceeds the schedule.

Permission to use the meeting rooms is not transferable.

Alcoholic beverages may not be served.

The fact that a group is given permission to meet in the Library in no way constitutes endorsement by the Library or the Board of Trustees of the policies or beliefs of that group. Neither the name nor the address of the Arcadia Public Library may be used as the official address or headquarters of an organization. Any printed publicity must include the following statement: "This program is not sponsored by the Arcadia Public Library," unless the Library has agreed to co-sponsor the event.

The applicant agrees to hold the City harmless and indemnifies the City with regard to any liability arising out of use of the premises. The applicant must execute an agreement in a form and substance approved by the City Attorney reflecting the foregoing, among other terms and conditions.

The applicant will be required to pay for any damages to property or equipment.

The Director of Library and Museum Services shall have authority regarding facility usage and interpretations of policy decisions. Appeals may be made to the Library Board of Trustees in writing.

DISPLAY POLICY

The Arcadia Public Library has the following areas which may be used for displays:

1. Wall museum cases in the Memorial Hallway.
2. Bulletin boards in the lobby and the Jerry Broadwell Children's Room.
3. Freestanding museum cases in the Jerry Broadwell Children's Room.
4. Walls of the Cay Mortenson Auditorium.

The Library welcomes the use of the display areas by the public, with priority given to the residents of Arcadia. In each case the owner will release the Library from liability for the items placed on display. A signed release will be required.

Displays will be for a prescribed time, generally for one month at a time, with no more than two displays booked to the same owner in a calendar year. More than two displays in one calendar year may be permitted at the discretion of the Director of Library and Museum Services. The owner is responsible for supervising the installation and removal and supplying all necessary materials needed for the installation.

Display materials will not be offered for sale, except for the direct financial benefit of the Library, the City of Arcadia, Library support groups, or in conjunction with a Library or City sponsored program.

The displays in the Children's room should appeal to children.

The fact that a person or group is given permission to display materials in the Library in no way constitutes the endorsement of their policies or beliefs by the Library Board of Trustees, Library Administration, or City of Arcadia.

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DISSEMINATION OF FREE MATERIAL

Free material may be distributed in the Library subject to availability of space. The Library, at its discretion, may determine the location, number of copies and length of time displayed. Materials posted without Library approval will be removed.

The fact that a person or group is given permission to disseminate materials in the Library in no way constitutes the endorsement of their policies or beliefs by the Library Board of Trustees, Library Administration, or City of Arcadia.

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POLITICAL ACTIVITY

Section 905 of the Charter of the City of Arcadia reads: “No person shall use the administrative offices and facilities of the City for the purpose of furthering a political campaign for public office.” Therefore campaign materials may not be distributed in the Library.

PETITIONS

Individuals may gather signatures for petitions or distribute informational materials outside the Library and must be at least 20 feet from the entrance and conduct themselves in such a way that in no way impedes patrons’ access into the Library.

Use of Library sidewalks by petitioners in no way constitutes endorsement of their policies or beliefs by the Library Board of Trustees, the City of Arcadia or its officers and employees.