



Grounds and Meeting Room Use

The East Morgan County Library District Board of Trustees welcomes the public use of meeting rooms.

Solicitation of funds or sale of goods and services on the library premises to the staff or general public is not permitted without prior written authorization from the Library Director.

Walkways and grounds around library buildings provide appropriate public spaces for free speech activities, provided the activity does not interfere with access and use of the Library for its intended purposes, or damage property. "Free Speech Zones," appropriate for free speech activities, are limited to the sidewalk bordering the street on the north, east and west sides of the building.

Use of the library grounds or meeting rooms will be approved by designated staff in compliance with East Morgan County Library District policies under the supervision of the Assistant Director, Director or Board of Trustees. Groups or individuals may be asked to comply with other requirements that will be determined on a case-by-case basis. Reservations are considered tentative until the application is submitted and reservation is confirmed.

The library reserves the right to determine the eligibility of the person(s) requesting use of the meeting rooms or library grounds and the right to refuse or revoke any and all privileges to any individual, group, or organization.

Meeting room occupants may arrange the tables and chairs as desired with the requirement that they restore the meeting room back to the original set-up.

Sales of related books, music and or products is permitted in the meeting room only. All such sales are the sole responsibility of the booking organization.

Meeting room occupants must comply with all East Morgan County Library District Policies. Library personnel have free access to enter the meeting room at any time. Use of the Library phone is limited to emergency calls.

Children must be supervised at all times by an adult.

Alcoholic beverages are not permitted anywhere in the facility or on library property.

Political groups may use the meeting rooms for nonpartisan or bipartisan programs of an educational nature only. Religious groups may use the meeting room for private meetings, however religious meetings that solicit attendance from the general public are not allowed.

All groups using a meeting room agree to hold the East Morgan County Library District and its employees harmless from any loss, damage, liability, costs, or expense that may result from their use of the room. There is no storage space available.

Permission to use the meeting room does not constitute an endorsement of any group's policies or beliefs. Groups may not imply that the East Morgan County Library sponsors their meeting. Any advertisement or announcements regarding your meeting needs to contain the following disclaimer:



“Granting of permission by the East Morgan County Library District to use library facilities does not constitute endorsement by the Library District staff or Board of Trustees.” Publication of misleading notices and advertisements will be considered a violation of these rules and future use may be denied. The library is not to be included as a source for further information about the program.

Outdoor (Grounds) Use

- Anticipated attendance of more than 100 people, or any group soliciting open attendance of the public, will require the group to furnish ground level accessible portable restrooms.

Room Reservations and Cancellations

- In accordance with the mission and goals of the library, all library programs and library sponsored meetings will take precedence for meeting room use. On rare occasions, this may result in the need to reschedule or cancel a previously reserved group meeting. Should the library staff have to cancel a scheduled meeting, efforts will be made to notify the person on the reservation form as soon as possible. The East Morgan County Library District reserves the right to cancel a reservation at any time.
- Pricing, room capacities, available hours and regulations for use are available on the reservation form. There is no fee for use by local non-profit groups.
- Reservations will be approved on a first come, first served basis and may be made no more than 90 days prior to the event.
- Cancellations made at least 24 hours in advance will be eligible for a refund of the reservation fee. Groups that fail to cancel a reservation will forfeit the reservation fee.
- Drop-ins are welcome, with the understanding that reservations and library events take precedence.
- Failure to arrive 15 minutes after scheduled time may result in loss of the room. Continued failure to show without prior cancellation may result in loss of reservation privileges.

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