

Policy on Meeting Rooms Core Policy Issue

Statement of Philosophy, Scope, and Purpose for the “Policy on Meeting Rooms”

1. In part, the “mission of the Batavia Public Library is to ... create a welcoming place to gather, exchange ideas, and participate in cultural events.”¹
2. Pursuant to this mission, the Batavia Public Library uses its meeting rooms to support library functions and provide library programs, services, and events.
3. When not in use by the Batavia Public Library, the Library welcomes the public use of its meeting rooms for educational and cultural functions only, by persons, groups, and organizations serving the residents of the Batavia Public Library District.
4. All such public use of its meeting room for educational and cultural functions shall be open to the general public.
5. By allowing the public use of its meeting rooms for educational and cultural functions only, the Library has created a “limited public forum.” As a “limited public forum,” the Library may not prohibit the use of its meeting rooms based on the educational or cultural content of the function.
6. As a “limited public forum,” meeting rooms are not available for “private social functions,” examples of which include (but are not limited to) parties (such as for birthdays, anniversaries, and holidays), wedding events (such as showers, rehearsal dinners, weddings, and receptions), and reunions (such as family or school reunions).
7. As a “limited public forum,” meeting rooms are not available for “private business functions,” examples of which include (but are not limited to) retreats, seminars and continuing education classes (such as those for employees, boards of directors, or members of a profession), board meetings, job interviews, and employment tests, whether (for example) by individual persons, community clubs and organizations, businesses, or not-for-profit organizations.
8. It is the policy of the Board of Library Trustees of the Batavia Public Library District to support the tenets of the “Library Bill of Rights” and its official interpretations. To that end, the following documents are considered part of the “Policy on Meeting Rooms” and are incorporated herein by reference:
 - Library Bill of Rights²
 - Meeting Rooms: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights³

Approval History:

- Approved by the Board of Library Trustees on Tuesday, 20 November 2012

¹STATEMENT OF MISSION: The mission of the Batavia Public Library is to provide and ensure access to materials and services to meet the lifelong learning needs of residents and organizations, as well as to create a welcoming place to gather, exchange ideas, and participate in cultural events.

²<http://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/librarybill>

³<http://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/librarybill/interpretations/meetingrooms>