

Georgetown Public Library

Meeting Room Rental Fees & Policies



Meeting Rooms

GPL has three meeting rooms that are available every day from 7:00 AM until 11:00 PM and require a rental fee. **To reserve online please visit <https://secure.rec1.com/TX/georgetown-public-library-tx/catalog> or call 512-930-6730 or email librarymeetingrooms@georgetown.org. Online requests may take up to 3 business days to process.**

Hewlett Room 222 is set up auditorium style with seating for 134.

Friends Room 218 is set up banquet style with seating for 52, chairs can be added to seat up to 78.

These two rooms may also be rented as one large room

Classroom 211 is set-up 2 to a table and seats 18, chairs can be added to seat up to 27.

Meeting Room Fees & Equipment			
Rooms are rented for a MINIMUM of two hours	Hewlett Friends Seats 134 Set for 52 Seats up to 78	Classroom Set for 20 Seats up to 27	Hewlett <i>and</i> Friends Set for 186 Seats up to 214
Resident, 501(c) Nonprofit, Community Program, or Government Agency	\$20 per hour	\$10 per hour	\$40 per hour
Non-Resident, Commercial, & Political Organizations*	\$125 per hour	\$50 per hour	\$250 per hour
Audio/Visual Equipment Available <i>No fees will be charged for renting AV equipment, but <u>full replacement cost will be charged in case of damage.</u></i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wireless Microphones (handheld and headset) Laptop Projector 	

*A political organization is any entity, regardless of resident, nonprofit or any other status, that conducts political advertising as defined in § 251.001 of the Texas Election Code. To the extent a Resident, Nonprofit, Community Program, and/or Government Agency is also a political organization, that entity will be charged the commercial rate.

The **commercial rate** will apply when the meeting rooms are used for the following non-exhaustive list of activities: (1) meetings of profit-making groups or businesses; (2) fundraising events; (3) meetings that require payment of tuition or fees (except for government or library agencies); (4) meetings where products or services are promoted or sold; (5) meetings designed to further the specific goals of an individual or group, such as political campaign meetings or paid tutorials.

Policies for Meeting Room Use

1. Reservations are made on a first-come, first-serve basis **up to 6 months in advance**. Previous use does not imply future bookings. No person or organization may rent the meeting rooms more than **twice** a month, unless hosted/sponsored by Georgetown Public Library or the City of Georgetown.
2. **ALL** food and beverages served in GPL meeting rooms **MUST** come from the Sweet Lemon Kitchen unless the Georgetown Public Library expressly exempts such requirements in writing. Contact sweetlemoncateringtx@gmail.com for catering options. A minimum of 30 days' notice is required for groups of 30 people or more and a minimum of 2 weeks' notice is required for groups of 30 or less that require catering services. For exemption requests, contact librarymeetingrooms@georgetown.org
3. **Renters are responsible for set-up and clean-up, which must take place during the reservation period**. Renters are permitted to rearrange meeting room furniture if the room is returned to its original configuration. The GPL staff is **NOT** available to change the room arrangement. Groups who set up or take down outside the reservation period will be billed for an additional hour.
4. Rental fees are due prior to start of the reservation, payable at second floor Reference Desk. Payment can be made with cash, credit card (excluding American Express), or check (made out to the City of Georgetown). **Groups/individuals who cancel a reservation less than 24 hours in advance or fail to show are responsible for paying the full rental fee. If a meeting goes 15 minutes over the scheduled time, an additional HOUR will be billed.**
5. Advertising and printed materials of events or programs sponsored by the renter must contain the following disclaimer: **"THIS EVENT IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH OR SPONSORED BY THE GEORGETOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY OR THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN."** The disclaimer must be clearly displayed on all advertisements, and no smaller than font size 10.
6. If unfamiliar with the operation of the library's AV equipment (projector, microphones, etc.), renters should call the library at 512-930-6730 to arrange a tutorial with staff at least 14 days in advance.
7. Activities for minors must be supervised at all times by an adult.
8. Meetings must be free and open to the public unless commercial rental rates are paid. Only groups that pay the commercial rental rate may charge admission fees or hold fundraising events. Groups that do not pay commercial rental rates may only charge attendees for food that is served at the event and/or materials provided as a part of the event.
9. Groups claiming 501(c) status may be required to provide copies of the forms granting that status.
10. ALL political organizations, as defined above, will be charged the commercial rate. The GPL is a government-owned facility. Renters are responsible for complying with Section 255.003 of the Texas Election Code, which prohibits the use of public funds (including the use of government-owned facilities), for the distribution of written political advertising materials, or for radio or television broadcasts of political advertising. Political advertising materials can only be distributed to guests in the rented room.
11. **Georgetown Public Library and/or City of Georgetown meetings and events may take precedence over any other scheduled event. GPL and COG reserve the right to reschedule or cancel any meeting, for any reason.** GPL will notify each meeting's representative of cancellation and will arrange to reschedule or refund rental fee.
12. The City of Georgetown and GPL are not responsible for any lost or stolen items.

Miscellaneous Restrictions

1. Smoking, candles, and open flames are not allowed. This includes the balcony area.
2. Registration tables, or any other activities are not permitted outside of the room. Registration lines cannot extend into the hallway.
3. Decorations are not allowed on the walls, windows, or ceilings. Decorations may be placed on the tables and bulletin boards, located on either side of the white board in each room. Furniture **cannot** be moved from other meeting rooms or areas of the library.
4. Alcoholic beverages are only permitted with prior approval of the Director. A professional security guard and TABC licensed servers will be required at events where alcohol is served. A security guard will be hired at the renter's expense. Sweet Lemon Kitchen is the required caterer for alcohol served in the meeting rooms.
5. GPL cannot store equipment and/or supplies for any non-library meeting room functions.
6. Events with amplified music are not permitted during library operating hours.

Failure to follow GPL Meeting Room Policies will result in refusal of further room reservations.