

DeKalb Public Library Study Room Use Policy

The DeKalb Public Library provides study rooms to serve the needs of the Library and the DeKalb community as a public service. The Board of Trustees authorizes the Library Director to establish reasonable procedures governing the use of study rooms in collaboration with the Board of Trustees. The Library does not sponsor, recommend, or assume liability or responsibility for the work and/or activities of any group or individual using study rooms. Study room users may not use the Library logo in any form or identify or imply that the Library is a sponsor of their activities.

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1. Study rooms are available in two-hour intervals and may be reserved up to 4 months in advance at no charge for DeKalb Library cardholders or cardholders of reciprocal libraries. In-person reservations for immediate use may be made by individuals with or without a library card. Reservations may be made on the Library's website, or by speaking to a staff member at one of the reference desks. The individual who books the room must be present to claim the reservation and must remain in the room throughout the reservation period.
2. Adult study rooms may be used by patrons aged 18 and up. Teen study rooms may be used by patrons in or entering 6th-12th grades. Children's study rooms may be used by children aged 10 and under the direct supervision of adults at all times.
3. Patrons aged 11-17 and adults accompanying such patrons may request permission to use adult or children's study rooms if teen study rooms are unavailable. Permission will be granted at the discretion of Library staff on a case-by-case basis.
4. Application for the use of the Library facilities does not guarantee approval. Applications will be approved on a first-come, first-served basis. Confirmation or denial of applications for reservations will be made via e-mail or in person for day-of reservations.
5. Study room reservations may not be transferred to any other person or group.
6. Study room reservations that have not been claimed within 10 minutes of the scheduled start time will be considered no-shows and the reservation will be cancelled. Late arrivals will not have extended reservations.
7. Failure to provide 2 hours' notice of a cancellation may be grounds for suspension of study room privileges.
8. Study rooms that do not have prior reservations will be allotted on a first-come, first-served basis.
9. Because of the general demand for use of the study rooms, no person or group may reserve more than one two-hour session per day. A person who has used a study room on any given day as part of a group may not have another session as part of another group at the Library on that day. Groups may not obtain additional sessions by having different members of the group make a reservation for a group including any or all of the same individuals.

10. Requests to extend study room sessions will be accommodated if there are no requests for use of the room within the next half hour. Those individuals or groups who have been allotted additional time in study rooms beyond the two-hour limit will be asked to vacate if all study rooms are filled and a new party wishes to utilize a room.
11. There is no guarantee of a silent atmosphere inside each study room due to their proximity to one another; however, users of each study room must be respectful of other patrons in adjacent study rooms and adhere to the Library's Code of Conduct regarding noise.
12. Study rooms are available for use during Library open hours only. Rooms must be vacated at Library closing, or at the end of the scheduled session, whichever comes first.
13. Upon arrival, individuals with study room reservations must check in at the service desk closest to the study room reserved: Kids Desk for children's study rooms, Teen Room for teen study rooms, and the Tech Desk for adult study rooms.
14. Study room users must notify Library staff when the session is finished. The room will then be inspected for condition. Failure to notify staff may result in a suspension of study room privileges.
15. Each study room has a set configuration of furniture. The study room must be returned to its original configuration upon departure. Signs and decorations may not be taped or stapled to walls or doors, and waste must be placed in appropriate garbage and/or recycling receptacles. Study room users are responsible for setup and cleanup, and study rooms are to be left as they are found.
16. If a study room has been vacated for more than 10 minutes during a reserved session, the Library reserves the right to remove the user's belongings to the Circulation Desk's Lost and Found area and to reassign the study room to another reservation or open it as available. The Library is not responsible for possessions left in a study room or moved by staff to another location. Belongings not claimed by the end of the day may be disposed of by the Library.
17. The Library does not provide equipment and/or storage for non-Library materials.
18. Any individual using the study room shall be financially responsible for damage to the Library building, grounds, collections or furniture caused by the individual or group in accordance with the Library Code of Conduct.
19. The Library reserves the right to cancel or transfer study room reservations for any reason.
20. The Library may refuse or discontinue any use which is disruptive to the normal operation of the Library, destructive to the building or equipment, fails to follow the Library's Code of Conduct, or if information is falsified on the study room application. Study room use that generates excessive noise which disrupts others' use of Library facilities and services may result in a warning or a request to leave the study room or Library.
21. Library staff may enter any study room to ensure adherence to Library policies and to ask users to vacate the room if necessary.