

PAULINE HAASS PUBLIC LIBRARY

POLICY: Library Study Room Use

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Study rooms are provided in order to offer quiet study space, as well as to contain the noise of small group meetings or activities. Because the rooms are not sound proof, staff may disallow an activity that is disruptive to other library users.

The Storytime Room, located in the Youth Services area of the library, is for staff use, but when all regular study rooms are in use, staff may approve the use of the space as a study area on a drop-in basis. This room may not be reserved.

1. Study rooms are for the use of those age eight and older. Younger children who are accompanied by an adult or responsible teen may also use the rooms. The library's children's area contains a Storytime Room that may sometimes be available for quiet study by families and younger children.

Two-person study rooms may be reserved up to one week in advance or used on a first-come, first served basis if not reserved. They may be reserved for up to 90 minutes per day, and use may continue beyond that limit if no one else needs the room at that time. The total reserved use of the study rooms in a calendar day for use by an individual may not exceed 90 minutes. A group of two or more people may also reserve the rooms for not more than 90 minutes in a day; multiple members of the group may not make reservations in their own names for the group in order to gain more than 90 minutes of reserved time for the group.

3. Reserved rooms will be held for 10 minutes past the time reserved, and then will be made available to the next applicant.

4. A two-person study room may be used by no more than two people at a time.

5. The larger group study room is meant for quiet study, discussion, or for a small meeting. The group study room may be reserved by one individual or a group of up to six individuals. Reservations may be made up to one week in advance.

Because it is beneficial to separate larger, potentially noisier, groups from the common area, an individual who is using the group study room alone may be asked to vacate the room if a group of three or more requests it and a smaller room is available for the single individual.

6. In the event that this policy is not clear about a particular issue, Adult Services staff members make the decisions about use of the study rooms, basing their decision on the best use of library resources and the best service to all involved.

7. Users must register at the adult reference desk to have the rooms unlocked.

8. The study rooms must be vacated at library closing time.

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