

## **Meredith Public Library Study Rooms Policy**

The Meredith Public Library provides access to its study rooms for the public in keeping with its mission to be the cultural heart of Meredith; a gathering place where community members can acquire and share knowledge. Meredith Public Library and Friends of the Meredith Library events take precedence over all other events.

Use of library rooms is free of charge. If the room is not restored to its original order and requires extra custodial cleaning, or has been damaged in any way, the Meredith Public Library and the Town of Meredith reserve the right to bill the person who reserved the room for any unforeseen expenses or damages to our property at the sole discretion of the Library.

Individuals using rooms must comply with all library policies and shall immediately cease actions deemed in violation of these policies upon request at the sole discretion of the Library staff. Access to rooms may be denied to individuals who violate library policies.

The Study Rooms are intended for the purposes of quiet study and discussion.

A person must be at least 14 years of age to reserve a Study Room.

Rooms are available from 9:15AM to fifteen minutes before Library closing time. ***Individuals or groups must be out of the rooms fifteen minutes prior to library closing time.***

If the patron does not arrive within ten minutes after their scheduled time, the time will be made available for other patrons. Room reservations take precedence. A patron will be asked to leave a room when their time expires if another patron has reserved the room. Patrons who leave the room unattended for more than 15 minutes will forfeit their reservation and if the room is vacated prior to the reservation's end time, the time will be made available for other users. Patrons who need to leave the Library during their reserved time can reschedule a reservation.

In order to provide as much access to the rooms as possible, use of rooms as a place to conduct regular business or as a place to hold office hours is prohibited.

Furniture may not be brought into or removed from a room without approval from Library staff.

Food is not permitted in the rooms. Drinks are permitted.

Storage space for groups is not available. The library shall not be responsible or liable for lost, stolen, or damaged private materials or equipment left in rooms.

Use of alcohol, drugs, and tobacco products are not permitted on Library property.

## **Meredith Public Library Study Rooms Procedure**

### ***What Rooms are available?***

- Old Oak Study Room seats up to three people.
- Island Study Room seats up to four people.
- Mills Study Room seats up to four people.
- Lakes Study Room seats up to four people.

### ***How do I reserve a room?***

- Study Rooms must be reserved before use. Walk-in and online reservations are accepted. Reservations may be made up to two weeks in advance
- Rooms may be reserved:
  - Online - visit [www.MeredithLibrary.org](http://www.MeredithLibrary.org) and click on the Book A Room link.
  - In person - visit the circulation desk.
  - By email - send to Librarian@MeredithLibrary.org.
  - Via telephone - call the library at 603-279-4303.
- Reservations may be made for up to two hours per day. If no one else has reserved the room, the user may keep using it.