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- Western Plains Library System Main—Boardroom only.
- Minnie R. Slief Library at Cheyenne—large meeting room with inside/outside entrance.
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- Seiling Public Library—library space only.
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- Weatherford Public Library—small meeting room with inside entrance plus Sara’s Place in center of library.

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Regulations that apply to all WPLS Meeting Areas:

1. All meetings must be open to the public.
2. Each group is responsible for ensuring its program is in compliance with applicable local, state and/or federal statutes such as Open Meetings Act, Copyright Law, Fire Codes, etc.
3. Non-profit organizations may charge fees for the purpose of covering necessary program expenses. Fees shall not be used to restrict access to any individual who may be unable to pay but wishes to attend.
4. For-profit organizations may use library space/rooms only for the purpose of staff training. (Buying and selling are not permitted.)
5. Pursuant to Oklahoma law, tobacco use is not permitted in any area of the library.
6. The library reserves the right to monitor all meetings.
7. Use of a library meeting space by a group or organization is not an endorsement from Western Plains Library System or the city that owns the building.
8. WPLS shall be held harmless from any injuries or accidents arising out of any group or organizations use of its meeting facilities.

Please contact the library of interest for more specific meeting space information. Each library has detailed guidelines for reserving and using local meeting space.

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