

INDEMNIFICATION / HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

SOUTHWICK PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING ROOM / COMMUNITY ROOM

We members of _____ as users of the Meeting Room at the Southwick Public Library execute and deliver this written undertaking as prescribed by the Board of Library Trustees by which all members of this group agree to hold the Board of Library Trustees and the Town of Southwick, and all library staff, harmless from and to indemnify them against all cost, damages, losses, claims, and expenses incurred, directly or indirectly, as a result of the group's use of the Meeting Room. Such costs, damages, losses, claims, and expenses shall include, without limitation, any damage to this Meeting Room or any other part of the library building, grounds or collection; the cost of police protection, if deemed necessary by the Board of Library Trustees, and any claim asserted by any third person against the Board of Library Trustees, the Town of Southwick, and/or any library staff on account of any alleged injury causally related to the meeting, together with defense costs including reasonable attorney's fees.

This written undertaking shall also constitute a release by the group and each and all of its members of any claim against the Board of Library Trustees, the Town of Southwick and the library staff for any injury to persons or damage to property suffered by such group or any of its members during or as a result of the use of the Meeting Room, except insofar as such injury or damage is directly and solely caused by the negligence or intentional misconduct of any person belonging to or acting on behalf of the board of Library Trustees, the town government of the Town of Southwick or the library staff.

The Board of Library Trustees reserves the right to require any applicant group to supply a certificate of insurance, from an insurer licensed to do business in Massachusetts, in such amount and in such form as the Board of Library Trustees may reasonably deem appropriate, such amount not to exceed \$1 million, naming the Board of Library Trustees as an additional insured, and covering damage to the library building, grounds and collection and injury to persons occasioned by the meeting.

Organization Using Library Meeting Room _____

Authorized Users Signature _____

Authorized Signature _____
(Library Director for the Board of Trustees)

Date(s) of Use _____

(Approved by Trustee vote 6/25/03)