

Meeting room policy to change

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The Schaumburg Township District Library Board agreed to revise its meeting room policy Monday night in the wake of a court order to allow white supremacist Matthew Hale to speak at the main library on Saturday.

A federal judge ruled in June that the library could not prevent Hale from speaking in one of its meeting rooms.

The policy changes aim to clear the library of any costs associated with providing security for a controversial speaker and would allow only library patrons to reserve meeting rooms, said board President Bob Lyons.

Other planned changes include the requirement of board approval for any meeting expected to fill the library's largest room, which seats up to 200. Also, any meeting that could distract library patrons must be held after the library is closed.

Board members expect to adopt the revised meeting room policy at their next meeting in September.

"When you have a meeting room and it's open to the public, this is one of the things you're going to have to deal with," Lyons said.

Hale is scheduled to speak at the main library, 130 S. Roselle Rd., at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

The library board met with members of the Schaumburg Police Department Monday evening in a closed session to discuss security.

"We plan to take the necessary steps to ensure the safety of our residents," said Schaumburg Lt. Dennis Carroll, declining to say how many officers will be at the library.

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