

Libraries are traditionally places for information-sharing and intellectual growth. Public libraries serve their communities by providing spaces for public use. One way public libraries fulfill that function is by offering meeting space to community groups of all types. These meeting rooms are used by many different groups with many different goals. The Putnam County Library does not and cannot discriminate against different groups in the use of the meeting rooms.

Last Saturday in the Putnam County Library Story Time Room, about two dozen people - parents and children -- attended an Upper Cumberland Pride-sponsored event during which a storyteller read a Christmas story, followed by a lesson about bullying, and participants ended the program with a craft project.

Putnam County Library facilities are open to any group or gathering of citizens who follow the library's policies, including its meeting room policy and its code of conduct policy. Using PCL space doesn't imply endorsement by the library of any particular group or meeting content. The Putnam County Library has no obligation to provide programming for any group using its meeting spaces or to sponsor events in any way besides serving as host. The PCL does, however, take its role as a facilitator of information to all groups and citizens seriously and is dedicated to treating patrons equitably, providing a safe environment in which to do so.