

## **Serving Alcohol in a Library Meeting Room**

Initial question: Can library boards allow groups to serve alcohol while using the library meeting room?

Response from Tracy Cook, December 27, 2011:

Most likely the library board can allow groups to serve alcohol while using the library meeting room, but trustees need to be aware of a few issues. Based on a recommendation from the Department of Revenue groups should obtain a special license that costs \$10. Even if they are not selling the alcohol they should still obtain this license in order to be safe. This would cover the group if they wanted to ask for donations and/or free will payment of the alcohol. See the "SpecialPermitAlcohol" pdf for more information. Library boards should also check their local ordinances to see if there are special restrictions from the city or county on the serving of alcohol in public meeting rooms. Finally the board should make sure the group using the meeting room has liability insurance in case of accidents or other trouble.