

Holding Events at Spartacus Books

Since 1973, **Spartacus Books** is a nonprofit, volunteer-run bookstore and resource center currently located on the edge of Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, on Coast Salish Territory. The store has been successfully run for over 35 years by various combinations of volunteers and employees, mostly through collective meetings despite a 2004 fire at its old location on East Hastings.

Spartacus has an unparalleled selection of academic and scholarly publications including journals and books and hard-to-find publishers that aren't available anywhere else in Vancouver. Spartacus carries a diverse and up-to-date selection of **books** in fields such as; *Anarchism, Race and Society, Community Organizing, Gender, Queer studies, Feminism, Radical Theory, First Nations, Prisons, Poetry and fiction, DIY, Ecology, Literary Criticism, Art and History.*

So, you want to book a space?

The collective that maintains Spartacus Books is committed to offering the space as a gathering place for community organizations, art collectives, local and visiting writers and artists, as well as hosting local and touring musical groups. In addition, local writers have used the space to promote their latest and greatest published works.

What can we offer?

So, we have a space that can fit about 25 – 30 people comfortably, with the following available for use:

- Chairs for the audience/participants
- A projector and sound system you can hook your equipment up to.

THERE IS NO FIXED CHARGE ASSOCIATED WITH THE USE OF THE SPACE!!

Our constraints and views

We love to share our resources under the principle of mutual aid, but have to abide some constraints of our renting agreement to keep helping other. We expect a respectful attitude towards both the community we are a part of and the space itself. Not respecting our views and constraints might encourage us to decline further request from your group. Persons to hold events or meetings in Spartacus Books are expected to:

- 1) **Respect** – This means that we ask that you be respectful of the values that the space upholds and ask the participants to remember that we are not a corporate establishment with an eye on making cash. Our space is designed to be open and welcoming, which means that, for example, anyone who wants to use the bathroom or make a telephone call is entitled to do so without fear of judgment. Please remember that the space and the volunteers respect diversity and we expect the people using the space to value the same. No homophobic, transphobic,

heterosexist, sexist, racist, anti-poor, ableist discourse or any other forms of discrimination will be tolerated.

- 2) **Sound** – We ask that you not play really loud music or movies in the space as we are part of a residential neighborhood (with apartments above us). This means that we are OK with amplification in the space provided it is kept to a reasonable level. If your band is planning to do a massive tribute to the Dead Kennedy's, this may not be the space for you...
- 3) **Hours** – For the above reasons, we ask that your event be over and that the space be empty of people by the time agreed with the volunteer. It is okay to have quiet meetings after 11PM, but any loud gathering would give us trouble with our landlord. This also lets the volunteer go home for the night, as we all need sleep.
- 4) **Space** – Leave it as you found it. Like nature, Spartacus prefers to be pristine. If you spill something, please clean it up. If you use our kettle or cups, please wash and put them away.
- 5) **Alcohol** – We don't have a liquor license, and we don't have the money to get one. Books also get scared of drinks. Please don't sell or bring alcohol into the space.
- 6) **Collective member** – Each event at Spartacus Books will be attended by a collective member who keeps the space open and volunteers to be there until the gathering ends. This person is responsible for the space and has the final say on what happens in the space while you are hosting. Please speak to them about any questions you have during the event.

What you can expect from us

- **We will open and close the space for you.**
- **We can put a poster up in the space to publicize your event.**
- **We can give change for people in the space.**
- **We can sell our books to the attendees.**
- **We can put your event on our online calendar.**

Continue reading for the application form!!!!

How to make a successful request to use Spartacus Books Space

Please make sure you have read through the “Holding Events at Spartacus Books” before contacting us. To request the space, just sent us a e-mail at info@spartacusbooks.net , at least seven days notice of an event - so that we can find a volunteer who is interested in being present during your event - and make sure you give us the information we need to make a decision. If don't supply an answer to those questions, we most likely won't be able to lend you the space:

- 1) Who are you? (Name of person or group hosting the event)
- 2) How do we contact you? (name(s), e-mail(s), telephone(s), etc.)
- 3) What day would you like to book the space? What time? Until what time?
- 4) What is your event? Please describe the event with two or three sentences, so we have something for our calendar.
- 5) Are you charging a cover? If so, how much? **We encourage you not to turn anyone away for lack of funds.**
- 6) If you're showing a movie, please note we need some notice to make sure that the projector and screen are available.

There is no guarantee that we will be able to accommodate your event.

It is based on space availability and volunteer availability.

While there is no charge for using the space, if you are taking donations or charging your attendees, it would be pretty cool to give us a donation. When you are facilitating an event, you are in a better position than us to ask your attendance for donations for our space. Its easy and it helps us helping you in the future.