

Montauk Library Steinway Piano Use and Reservation Policy

The Montauk Library's Steinway piano is located at the lower level, on stage, in the Suzanne Koch Gosman Community Room. The Montauk Library's Steinway piano is tuned professionally, four to six times each year.

The Montauk Library's Steinway piano is limited to use by Montauk residents with Montauk Library cards in good standing. Interested individuals must provide proof of residency in Montauk and an active library card to be eligible to reserve and use the Steinway piano. All individual piano users and applicants must be at least 18 years of age. Patrons who are less than 18 years of age may practice or use the piano only when accompanied by an adult of majority age. Use of the Steinway piano for proprietary purposes is strictly prohibited.

Eligible individuals may reserve the Steinway piano for use by making an online reservation on the Montauk Library website (www.montauklibrary.org). 45 minute time slots will be available at the discretion of the Library.

Applicants must notify the Library of cancellations at least 24 hours in advance. Failure to do so may result in the loss of privileges to use the Steinway piano.

Applicants and use of the piano are prohibited from moving the piano to any other location on the stage. Any users in violation may have their Library privileges suspended.

No food or beverage may be on stage at any time. Consumption of alcoholic beverages and alcohol are prohibited on Library premises.

The piano is equipped with a custom dehumidification/humidification system which shall not be unplugged, turned off, or adjusted in any way.

The piano cover, seat, and other associated equipment must be replaced after each use. Users should report issues or concerns to the Library Director or administrator on duty.

In consideration of the use of the Steinway piano, each individual or group agrees that it will pay for all damage to the property of Montauk Library and for liability arising out of the personal injury of persons, resulting directly or indirectly from the conduct of any user, be it an individual or group, of the Steinway piano pursuant to this policy. Users of the Steinway piano shall hold harmless and indemnify the Montauk Library, its Board of Trustees, and its employees from any liability, claim, action, or loss arising from the use of the Steinway piano, including the cost of legal fees, costs, or expenses incurred by the Library in connection with defending any claim or action arising from such use. The Library is not responsible for the safeguarding of any supplies, equipment, or other items owned by the user(s) of the Steinway piano. Items left behind will be considered Library property and disposed of in accordance with the Library's standard practice.

Adopted by the Library Board of Trustees
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