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Ms. Marilyn H. Rock
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Re: Public Assembly Classification
for Library Reading Rooms

Dear Ms. Rock:

Your letter dated December 3, 1986 with regard to the need of a permit for a Place of Assembly for a reading room in a Public Library has been reviewed by this office.

A reading room in a Library in which there is no other activity other than reading shall be considered as a G occupancy without requiring a permit for a Place of Assembly.

However, if such a room or space has 75 or more persons present and is being used in a prearranged gathering for a center of attention, such as for lectures, exhibits, movies or slides, etc. or where there is physical activity, a Place of Assembly permit is required.

Very truly yours,

George E. Berger, P.E.
Assistant Commissioner

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Chief Joseph DeMeo