



# HyFlex Meeting Rooms for All

CHAPEL HILL PUBLIC LIBRARY | Chapel Hill, NC

## THE CHALLENGE

The Chapel Hill Public Library is a vibrant and bustling institution, spanning more than 62,500 square feet. Their service pledge is that public libraries are for everyone. In their four Meeting Rooms, they program a variety of events including story times, film screenings, and author talks, as well as Library staff meetings, town meetings and City Council work sessions – and that’s just the beginning! There is always something happening, and these four Meeting Rooms need to be able to handle everything thrown their way.

## OUR SOLUTION

The four Meeting Rooms were built in 2013 when the Library expanded, and their last A/V refresh was in 2016. They were due for an upgrade! While KONTEK installed new displays, ceiling and wireless microphones, ceiling speakers, wall-mounted PTZ cameras, a projection screen and new projectors to bring the Meeting Rooms into the modern age, there is one more invisible technology that makes these rooms shine. The Extron NAV AVoverIP system that we integrated across all four Meeting Rooms ensures peak flexibility and scalability, whether the Library is looking for overflow, break-outs, or turn-key presentation capabilities. This technology is for everyone.

We wanted to make sure that anybody could come in with any kind of equipment and be able to use our system, no matter what. So we requested a system that was agnostic and intuitive to use. KONTEK provided us with a solution that did what we wanted and we trusted KONTEK’s judgment.

— Ryan Chamberlain  
Library Experiences Technician  
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## HIGHLIGHTS

- **Five Languages for Control.** It was important to the Library to create access for non-English speakers, so each of the Meeting Rooms is translated into four other languages targeting under-served demographics in Chapel Hill: Spanish, Chinese (Mandarin), Karen, and Burmese. Our programmer worked carefully with the Library to make sure these translations were seamless.
- **Follows a Familiar Look and Feel.** While their system had aged and wasn’t doing what they needed it to do anymore, the Library still loved that the control system was simple and easy-to-use. KONTEK built an expanded and more robust system that was still just as intuitive and straightforward as before.
- **Flexible Microphones.** The larger Meeting Rooms have 12 wireless microphones available between them (8 handhelds and 4 goosenecks), in addition to the ceiling microphones installed in both rooms. Due to the DANTE configuration at the foundation of this system, the microphones are able to easily swap between Rooms. Everything plays together nicely.
- **Powerful New Projectors.** The previous projectors were grossly inadequate to handle the daylight that came in through the Meeting Rooms’ windows. They were using black out curtains to fight the daylight – but now the projectors are super bright, fill their screens appropriately, and project with good color fidelity.
- **HyFlex Capabilities.** The day after KONTEK finished the install, the Town of Chapel Hill had a committee meeting in the new room – and they immediately jumped to use the new HyFlex capabilities. The Library hasn’t stopped since. They’ve recorded public programs and made them available asynchronously, and they’ve livestreamed events to create HyFlex “seats” for sold out programs.