

Programming Policy

Objectives

The purpose of library programming is to support the library's mission and embrace its core values.

Library-wide programming is developed based on available staff and other resources using the following guidelines:

- To enhance the library's role as a commons and lifelong learning center for the community
- To increase awareness and the use of library resources
- To educate and inform on a variety of topics
- To provide programs for various age groups, cultures and interests
- To recognize and respond to current issues facing the community
- To promote reading and lifelong learning
- To increase library use by under-served populations
- To develop programs of various durations that are free and open to all at a variety of times

Acceptable formats

Acceptable formats for library programs include, but are not limited to: story times, concerts, artistic displays, demonstrations, tours and library instruction, lectures, films, workshops, and book talks.

Selection criteria

The library often incorporates cooperative programming with other agencies, organizations, and educational institutions. Selection of library program topics, speakers, courses, classes, and resource materials should be made by library staff on the basis of the interests and needs of the library users and the community. Library programming will not exclude topics, books, speakers, media and other resources solely on the basis of controversial content. Acceptance of a program topic by the library does not constitute an endorsement by the library of the group's or individual's policies or beliefs. The library does not conduct programming that is purely commercial or devotional in nature.

Age limits

The library reserves the right to set age limits for children and YA programs.

Scheduling

The library reserves the right to cancel and reschedule programs at the discretion of the director. Library staff will be responsible for press releases and public notification for library programs,

Fees

Most library programs are free. However, some library programs may require a nominal materials fee.

A library card is not required to attend a program but patrons attending are encouraged to apply for a library card in order to take full advantage of the library resources.

Concerns, questions or complaints about library-initiated programs should be referred to the library director.

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