



Programming Policy

Statement of Purpose

The Library will promote and encourage literacy through programs that stimulate imagination, lifelong learning and cultural opportunities. Programming should provide information, invite public discussion, encourage curiosity and creativity and promote literacy and reading. Programming should promote the Library's services and resources.

Definition

Programs are defined as any group activity offered to the public that Library staff coordinate, plan and/or present.

Program Formats

The Library may:

1. Offer programs for children, young adults, adults, seniors and families,
2. Participate in cooperative programs with other agencies, organizations, institutions or individuals,
3. Sponsor programs in the Library or outside of the Library,
4. Promote programs through brochures, advertisements in local newspapers, posters in the community, and the Library's website and social media platforms,
5. Allow presenters to display products or books for purchase.

Library sponsorship of a program does not constitute an endorsement of the content of the program or the views expressed by presenters or participants.

The Library will:

1. Make available a wide spectrum of opinions and viewpoints,
2. Select programs based on the interest and need of the community,
3. Use programs to promote literacy and lifelong learning,
4. Limit program attendance based on safe use of space, or when success of a program requires it,
5. Make programs open to all, based on a first come, first served basis, either with advanced registration or at the door,
6. Not offer programming that is purely commercial,
7. Regularly evaluate the planning and delivery of library programs,
8. Make available a process for user feedback and expressions of opinions/concerns about programs.

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