

## Services and Programs

### **Programs**

A program is a planned interaction between library staff and the program participants for the purpose of promoting library materials, facilities, or services, as well as offering the community an informational, entertaining, or cultural experience.

Programming includes such activities as story times, films, and activities on no-school days, summer library programs, and speakers or book discussion groups.

The board in conjunction with the Library Director will establish a budget and goals for programming to facilitate the effective implementation of this service.

Library-sponsored programs are not used for commercial, religious, or politically partisan purposes. Non-staff individuals leading library-sponsored programs may not use the forum for the solicitation of business. However, at the discretion of the Director, outside speakers or authors at library-sponsored programs may be allowed to sell books or other items related to their programs to those in attendance.

The library offers programs for adults, teens, and children. Although these programs are public, the identity of individuals attending library programs is kept private by staff. Any sign-in sheet is purely used for head-count purposes and reporting of attendance numbers.

Library sponsorship of a program does not necessarily constitute endorsement of the content of the program or the views expressed by presenters or participants. The library seeks to be broad and inclusive in programming; program topics, speakers, and resources are not excluded from consideration because of possible controversy or popularity/unpopularity of a viewpoint, though audience age restrictions may apply.

All public programs, which take place at the library, must be open to public participation and free; no admission or participation fees can be charged, though a fee to cover materials may be asked for.

Library programs may be age restricted. Adults, teens, or children may not attend programs which are intended for a published target audience above or below their chronological age without approval from the Director first. Special needs individuals attending programs must be accompanied by caregivers. No adult, that is not accompanying a minor, may attend a youth program or interact with any of the youth.

The library will eject or deny program attendance to anyone being disruptive to audience members or the program facilitator, and anyone in violation of the library behavior policy. The police will be called if necessary. The library will not tolerate any form of bullying in any library space and staff will do all they reasonably can to create a safe space for all users.

Program participants should expect that photos/videos will be taken at events and used on the library's social media sites and/or website. Patrons should notify the Director if they would like to opt out. (Reviewed and approved January 2020) (Reviewed and approved August 2022) (Revised and approved April 2023)