

The Library supports its mission of promoting the power of lifelong learning to our diverse community through quality resources and services by developing and presenting programs that address the Library's four primary service response areas of:

Current Topics and Titles

To fulfill community residents' appetites for information about popular culture and social trends and their desire for satisfying recreational experiences.

General Information

To meet the need for information and answers to questions on a broad array of topics related to work, school and personal life.

Cultural Awareness

To offer cultural awareness services as a means to satisfy the desire of community residents to gain an understanding of their own cultural heritage and the cultural heritage of others.

Lifelong Learning

To provide Lifelong Learning service addresses the desire for self-directed personal growth and development opportunities.

Definitions taken from *New Planning for Results*. Sandra Nelson. c.2001, p. 65.

The responsibility for library programming is vested with the Director, acting in accordance to the policies set and budget adopted by the Library Board of Trustees, and members of the professional staff who are qualified by their education and training.

Library staff utilize their expertise, collections, services and facilities in developing and delivering programming. Library staff use the following criteria in making decisions about program topics, speakers, and accompanying resources:

- Community needs and interests
- Popular appeal

- Availability of program space
- Treatment of content for intended audience
- Presentation quality
- Presenter background/qualifications in content area
- Budget
- Relevance to community interests and issues
- Historical or educational significance
- Connection to other community programs, exhibitions or events
- Relation to Library collections, resources, exhibits and programs

In addition, the Library draws upon other community resources in developing programs and actively partners with other community agencies, organizations, educational and cultural institutions, or individuals to develop and present co-sponsored public programs. Professional performers and presenters that reflect specialized or unique expertise may be hired for Library programs; performers and presenters will not be excluded from consideration because of their origin, background, or views, or because of possible controversy. Library staff who present programs do so as part of their regular job and are not hired as outside contractors for programming.

All Library programs are open to the public. The Library's philosophy of open access to information and ideas extends to Library programming, and the library does not knowingly discriminate through its programming. Library sponsorship of a program does not constitute an endorsement of the content of the program or the views expressed by presenters or participants.

Registration may be required for planning purposes or when space is limited. Programs may be held at the library or offsite. Even in the event of pre-registration, the Library does not guarantee seating. The Library reserves the right to deny attendance to anyone becoming disruptive to audience members or the program facilitator, and to anyone in violation of the Library's Disruptive Patron Policy. Adult Supervision is required at all programs involving youth, in accordance with the Library's Unattended Children Policy, unless otherwise stated by the program facilitator.

Any sales of products at Library programs must be approved by the Library and benefit the Library, such as fundraising to benefit the library or the sales of books or other items by performers as part of a library program. Presenters are encouraged to donate a copy of their work to the library for possible inclusion in the library's collection. Programs are not used for commercial, religious, or partisan purposes or the solicitation of business.

Program participants should expect that photographs/video/audio will be taken at events and used on the Library's social internet sites and/or website. Participants may request from staff that their image not be used by the library.

Programs may be cancelled for a number of reasons, chiefly: severe weather, closure of the library, absence of the presenter, or low registration. Cancelled programs are not automatically rescheduled.

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