
Callander Public Library



Programming Policy

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Purpose:

Programming supports the library’s mission to connect, enrich and inspire. Programming provides information, invites public discussion, encourages curiosity and creativity, and promotes literacy and reading. Programming promotes the library’s services and resources. This policy defines the provision of programs by Library staff and through co-sponsored or partnership activities.

Definitions:

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

Policy Statement:

1. The Callander Public Library upholds the principle of intellectual freedom embodied in the Canadian Federation of Library Associations’ *Statement of Intellectual Freedom and Libraries*. Library sponsorship of a program does not constitute an endorsement of the content of the program, or the views expressed by presenters or participants. See ***Intellectual Freedom Statement GOV-04***.
2. All programs are designed to be inclusive safe spaces, providing activities that are innovative, and community driven. The Library may deliver programs that present controversial or opposing points of view. Community members are expected to respect the rights and freedoms of others when expressing concern over any specific program. All expressions of concern should be addressed, in writing, to the CEO of the Library.
3. The library will:
 - a) make available a wide spectrum of opinions and viewpoints

- b) select programs based on the interest and need of the community
- c) use programs to promote the joy of reading and interest in literacy
- d) make programs for children available free of charge, adult programs may be offered for a fee on a cost recovery basis,
- e) fundraising events to benefit the library may have costs to participate
- f) limit program attendance based on safe use of space, or when demand for a program requires it
- g) make programs open to all, based on a first come, first served basis, either with advanced registration or at the door
- h) not offer programming that is purely commercial in nature or intent
- i) assess the credibility of any partners involved in delivering programs
- j) regularly evaluate the planning and delivery of library programs
- k) make available a process for user feedback and expressions of opinions/concerns about programs

4. The library may:

- a) offer programs for children, young adults, adults and families
- b) participate in cooperative programs with other agencies, organizations, institutions or individuals
- c) sponsor programs in the library facility or outside of the library
- d) promote programs through brochures, news releases, and the library's website
- e) allow presenters to display products or books for purchase

Related Documents:

Callander Public Library, *Intellectual Freedom Policy (GOV-04)*

Callander Public Library, *Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Policy (GOV-09)*

Callander Public Library, *Patron Code of Conduct (OP-09)*