PROGRAMMING POLICY

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Offering programs allows the community to be involved in learning, to encourage a love of reading, provides information, allows for discussion and creativity. Programming is not limited to the children's department within this library and will seek to benefit the community as a whole.

Programs are defined as a group activity offered to the community in which library staff will co-ordinate, plan and/or present. The Library will:

1. Develop programs that reflect the library's current mission statement and values
2. Programs will usually focus on one or several of the following areas:

- literature
- cultural heritage
- social awareness
- health and well-being
- information technology
- literacy
- high interest topics related to library collection

3. Offer programs that cover the wide demographics of the community including children, teens, families, adults and seniors
4. Not offer programs that are purely commercial in nature
5. Regularly evaluate the programs being run to establish a solid base of successful programming being offered
6. Keep a database of the programs being offered for statistical record keeping
7. Limit program attendance based on such factors as building safety
8. Offer programs based on a first come, first serve basis – either with a registration form or at the door
9. Protect the privacy of the participants by way of written consent forms for displaying the photos/activities within the library
10. Promote programs within the community utilizing the local newspaper, community bulletin board within the library, the library's website and other social media

The library may:
1. Sponsor programs in the library facility or outside of the library within the community
2. Charge a small entry fee to programs for fundraising purposes
The library will not:
3. Endorse the contents of a presenter or their views expressed