



POLICY # 404 – Library Programs

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Policy Statement:

The Ruth Enlow Library offers a wide variety of programs for patrons of all different ages and backgrounds, inspired by staff, patrons and community members. These programs are intended to further the mission and values of the Library and promote its services and resources.

Regulations:

1. Library programs are not restricted solely to events held on Library property.
2. Programs may be selected based on several factors including the quality of content, the needs of library users, and community interest which represents a wide range of information, views and ideas. The Library recognizes the diversity of community interests and needs and selects programs accordingly. Selection of any particular program does not represent the Library's endorsement of any opinion, belief, or philosophy presented in that program.
3. Materials may be available for purchase by a presenter (e.g. an author selling their books). In such cases, the financial transactions are between the presenter and the buyer and are separate from any Library finances.
4. Programs are not used for commercial, religious or partisan purposes or for the solicitation of business. Exceptions that support library goals and initiatives may be made by the Library Director. Organizations co-sponsoring a program may receive acknowledgement in the Library's publicity materials. Some programs may require advance registration and/or completion of a liability release form before attendance.
5. The Director has operational responsibility for selection of topics recommended by Library staff or others, and for planning and promotion of Library programs, subject to the terms and conditions of this Policy. The Director may refer programs to the Board of Trustees for approval at his or her discretion.
6. The Library affirms and supports its patrons' freedom and responsibility to choose programs to attend according to their needs, individual tastes or family values. Patrons apply those values to their attendance of library programs only for themselves and may not restrict nor interfere with other patrons' freedom to attend programs in any way. The Library does not assume the parental responsibility for children's choices to attend library programs.
7. The Library welcomes and considers suggestions for program selection, evaluation or reconsideration from patrons and staff. The Library will make a good faith effort to properly inform the public of programmatic content. Requests for reconsideration may be referred to the Board of Trustees.
8. All ongoing Library programs are to be assessed on an annual basis to determine whether they will be scheduled for another year.