



## PROGRAM

### POLICY

*The Marion Community Library has the responsibility to provide educational, cultural, recreational and reading programs that reflect diverse community needs and interests.*

Programs are defined as any group activity offered to the public that library staff have coordinated, planned, and/or presented, whether offered in or out of the library. Programs include, but are not limited to book discussions, story times, demonstrations, musical and theatrical performances, lectures, films, instructional classes, tours, and information literacy instruction.

Through our programming we strive to:

- Encourage reading and lifelong learning in youth.
- Collaborate with other community organizations and educational institutions.
- Promote library services.
- Provide library outreach services which bring library service to the under-served and unserved.
- Provide reading programs.
- Provide adult programming appropriate to the needs of the Guadalupe county community.
- Programming in computer literacy.
- Historical Digitization of community assets.

Groups that use the meeting room for their own purposes are not covered by this policy and must adhere to the Meeting Room Policy.

Library programs are free and open to the public.

Selection topics, presenters, and performers for programming is made by professional staff on the basis of interest and needs of the library users and the community. Professional qualifications of presenters and performers will be fully vetted by professional library staff. Final review and approval of topics, content and presenter will be the responsibility of the Director. Unsolicited offers from individuals or organizations to present programs will be subjected to the same standards used by library staff when planning library-originated programming. The number and frequency of library programs vary.

All programs targeted toward specific audiences will be publicized as such.

Library sponsorship of a program does not constitute an endorsement of the content of the program, or the views expressed by presenters or participants. The library does not conduct programming that is purely commercial or religious in nature.

Every attempt will be made to include all who wish to attend a program. However, when safety or the success of the program requires it, attendance may be limited. When limits must be established, registration will be required and may be restricted by residency. Attendance at non-registered programs will be determined on a first come, first serve basis.

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

Suggestions, questions or concerns about library sponsored programs should be referred to the library Director.

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