

Programming Policy

Woodridge Public Library offers programs that inform, educate, entertain and provide cultural enrichment to the community. Library programs serve the popular and social needs of the public while promoting a culture of inclusion. Library programs support the mission of the Library and expand the visibility of the Library in the community.

Woodridge Public Library provides programming to patrons of all ages and abilities. The selection of Library programs, topics, and classes are chosen by staff for their:

- relevance to community needs or interests
- popular appeal
- capacity to equitably reach/engage a diverse community, and
- suitability for a general audience.

Presenters are chosen for their proven or unique expertise or talent and public performance experience. Other factors influencing the selection of programs include availability of staff, budget and space considerations.

Some programs may be restricted by age level, room capacity, minimum or maximum attendance requirements, or residency. The Library may provide programming in collaboration with other agencies, organizations, or educational institutions. The Library's philosophy of open access to information and ideas extends to its programming by offering a broad spectrum of opinions, viewpoints and ideas. However, presentation of a program or topic does not constitute an endorsement of that presenter, their policies, or their beliefs.

Presentations should be free of solicitations, sales pitches, or proselytizing. Booking a Library meeting room does not constitute a Library-sponsored program. Programs may be canceled for a number of reasons, such as severe weather, absence of the presenter, or low registration. Canceled programs are not automatically rescheduled.

Library staff shall develop such rules and procedures as are necessary to ensure compliance with the Programming Policy and as approved by the Library Director.

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