

702 Library Programming Policy

See also related policies: Confidentiality (802), Recording and Streaming (703), Outreach (706), Meeting Room and Lobby Use (806) and Copyright (814).

- 702.1 The purpose of Library programs at the Iowa City Public Library and in the community is to fulfill the Library's mission. Programs will include, lectures, discussions, classes, workshops, presentations, and performances that promote life-long learning and Library use; enhance cultural and leisure activities; champion the principle of intellectual freedom; benefit the community; and foster an enduring connection to the Library. Programs will be developed to eliminate racial, social, accessibility and equity barriers in library programming by facilitating connections with underserved areas of the community and implementing diversity, equity and inclusion strategies.
- 702.2 Library programs for children are a priority and focus on stimulating development of the intellectual and social abilities of young children. Children's programming emphasizes literature, language, reading, creativity, and the encouragement of effective social skills. Programming may also incorporate STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) activities. Programming is offered on a frequent and regular basis for in-house, outreach, and streaming to the Library Channel and web audiences.
- 702.3 Library programs for teens focus on literature, language, reading, technology, current interests, and creativity. The Library will plan unique programs to augment and enhance community events and to attract new audiences.
- 702.4 Library programs for adults focus on promoting reading and life-long learning; informing the community about Library collections and services; improving information and digital literacy; preserving and teaching local history and genealogy; and covering issues of current local and global interest. The Library plans unique programs to augment and enhance community events and to attract new audiences.
- 702.5 Library programs do not duplicate programs offered within the community unless they support the Library's strategic plan, there is sufficient local interest, or library resources are available to support duplication.
- 702.6 All Library programs may appear streaming on The Library Channel, Library website, the Internet, and other media.
- 702.7 The Library does not proscribe or cancel a program solely because an individual or group may find the content objectionable.
- 702.8 The Library co-sponsors programs with other City departments, governmental agencies, community organizations, and businesses when they are compatible with the Library's program goals and priorities. Co-sponsored programs must include participation by Library staff to plan program content, provide logistical support, or include information about Library collections relevant to the program. Co-sponsorship and collaboration decisions are made on the basis of mutual needs and equitable benefits between the Library and potential partners, as well as available library resources. Programs are designed to be informative learning opportunities, not a vehicle for commercial ventures.

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