

## **702 Library Programming Policy**

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See also related policies: Recording and Streaming (703), Outreach (706), Confidentiality (802), Meeting Room and Lobby Use (806), Library Use (809), 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, values, and strategic goals. 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; encourage community engagement; and foster an enduring connection to the Library. Programs will be developed to address racial, social, accessibility, and equity barriers by facilitating connections with underserved areas of the community and implementing diversity, equity, and inclusion strategies.

### **702.2**

Under the direction of the Adult Services and Children's Services Coordinators, responsibility for program development lies with library staff who apply professional knowledge, experience, and this policy in making decisions. Ultimate responsibility for program development lies with the Director.

### **702.3**

Programming is offered on a frequent and regular basis at the Library, off-site locations, and may be streamed online via the Library Channel. The Library will plan unique programs to augment and enhance community events and to attract new audiences.

### **702.4**

Library programs do not duplicate programs offered within the community unless they support the Library's strategic plan, or there is sufficient local interest, or library resources are available to support duplication.

### **702.5**

All Library programs may appear streaming on The Library Channel, Library website, the Internet, and other media.

### **702.6**

The Library does not prohibit or cancel a program solely because an individual or group may find the content objectionable. Library sponsorship of a program does not constitute an endorsement of the content of the program or the views expressed by participants.

## 702.7

The Library co-sponsors programs with other City departments, governmental agencies, community organizations, and businesses when they are compatible with the Library's 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.

## 702.8

The Friends Foundation manages all financial gifts that support programming at the Iowa City Public Library. Although gifts are not accepted with stipulations, Library staff will consider the interests of the donors in determining how to use monetary gifts.

## 702.9

The Library subscribes to the principles embodied in the Library Bill of Rights and its interpretations as adopted by the American Library Association.

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