

703 Cable Television Channel Programming Policy

See also related policies: Confidentiality (802), Library Programs (702), Public Relations (701) and Copyright (814)

- 703.1 The Library's Cable Channel shall be referred to as The Library Channel. The purpose of programming on The Library Channel is to extend library programs to a wider audience, to inform the community about Library services, to promote reading and Library use, to record, retain and provide access to community events of enduring interest, to disseminate the visual history of the community; to record and preserve local history; and to make meetings and events originating from the Library more accessible.
- 703.2 The Library Channel is a local access television channel provided through the cable franchise agreement with the City of Iowa City.
- 703.3 Priority is given to Library programs of interest to those who may be unable to come to the Library, particularly children.
- 703.4 Community meetings and events originating from the Library may be cablecast live on The Library Channel if it is determined to have broad community appeal and it can be accommodated without major disruption to the Library Channel program schedule. Assistance by Library staff may be offered as it is available. Groups utilizing The Library Channel accept full legal responsibility for the content of their program, including compliance with copyright law and FCC regulations.
- 703.5 The Library does not proscribe or cancel a recorded program solely because an individual or group may find the content objectionable.
- 703.6 The Library Board neither approves nor disapproves of content, topics, subject matter, or points-of-view of individuals or groups whose programs appear on The Library Channel.
- 703.7 All meetings or functions of the Library's Board of Trustees and its support groups have full access to The Library Channel as needed, and their use may include advocacy on behalf of the library.
- 703.8 Copyrighted materials and performances will be broadcast in accordance with Board Policy 814.
- 703.9 Library programs may appear on The Library Channel, Library website, the internet, and other media.
- 703.10 This policy shall be administered by the Library Director or her/his designee, who is authorized to adopt rules to implement it.
- 703.11 Policy determinations for all public channels may be appealed to the Iowa City Telecommunications Commission.
- 703.12 All policy determinations of the Iowa City Telecommunications Commission may be appealed to the Iowa City City Council.

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