North Perth Public Library

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The North Perth Public Library presents programming to connect and highlight community assets, including library collections and services. Through programming deeper connections are forged through partnerships and a sharing of resources for all in North Perth.

This policy guides the North Perth Public Library in choosing programming opportunities, where a program is defined as any group activity offered to the public that staff coordinate, plan, and/or present.

Section 1: Programming Categories

Library programming is diverse and varied in interest and application. Programs that will be prioritized includes:

- recreational,
- educational or
- Cultural group events or activities.

Section 2: Programming Parameters

- 1. Programs may be sponsored, conducted, hosted, or offered alone as the library or in partnership with other organizations for one of more of the following reasons:
 - To support the Library strategic plan
 - To support or the Municipality of North Perth's strategic plan
 - To support the interest and needs of the North Perth community
 - To provide information
 - To promote and increase awareness of the library's resources and services
 - To promote literacy
 - To participate as a partner in Perth County Information Network (PCIN) initiatives

Section 3: Library Responsibilities

1. The Library will:

- a. Present a wide spectrum of opinions and view points
- b. Limit program attendance based on safe use of space
- c. Make programs available free of charge except for fundraising events to benefit the library or where costs need to be recovered
- d. Make programs open to all on a first come, first served basis, either with pre-registration or general admission
- e. Advertise programs widely in a timely manner to the community through printed handouts, local newsletters, news releases, and the library social media
- f. Participate in cooperative programs with other community agencies, organizations, institutions or individuals
- g. Not offer programming that is purely commercial
- h. Conduct programs both inside the Library and at outreach locations where appropriate
- i. Regularly evaluate the planning and delivery of programs
- j. Make available a process for user feedback and expressions of opinions/concerns about programs

2. The Library may:

- a. Offer programs for children, young adults, adults, and families
- b. Sponsor programs in the library facility or outside the library
- c. Allow presenters to display products or books for purchase
- 3. All North Perth Public Library hosted programs will begin with reading the Land Acknowledgement statement found in *FN-04 Respect and Acknowledgement*
- 4. Library sponsorship of a program does not constitute an endorsement of the content of the program or the views expressed by the presenters or participants.

Related Documents:

North Perth Public Library FN-04 Respect and Acknowledgement