



Plum Borough Community Library

Policy Title: Library Program Policy

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PURPOSE: To provide guidance and direction to the Library staff for Library programming; to inform the public about the principles and criteria upon which programs are created.

STATEMENT OF POLICY: A library program is an event that promotes the use of Library materials, services, and/or offers the community an informational, entertaining, or cultural experience. The library strives to offer a variety of programs that reflect the broad range of community interests.

Program Criteria:

The Plum Borough Community Library strives to provide robust, dynamic programming from diverse perspectives and voices that meet the needs of today's patrons from young children to seniors.

Selection of program topics, speakers, and frequency of programs is based on the interests and needs of the Plum Borough Community Library users and the community. Programs are selected at library staff's discretion and based on several additional factors including but not limited to meeting room availability, topic, and cost.

All PBCL programs are open to the public, but some programs may be designed with specific audiences in mind (ex. children's programs, seniors' programs, etc.). Registration for programs may be required. Library programs may involve cooperative programming with individuals, agencies, organizations and educational institutions. Library programs must be non-commercial in nature. No solicitation of business is permitted. In some cases, a presenter may sell materials (ex. author selling copies of the books); however, this must be approved by the library director prior to the program.

Programs may occur on site or in other locations.

Topics, speakers and resource materials are not excluded from library-sponsored programs because of possible controversy. Acceptance of a program topic does not constitute an endorsement by the library of the groups or individual's policies or beliefs. The ultimate acceptance of a library program to be presented is at the discretion of the Library director and in consideration of the community's needs.

Program Room Rental:

The library does not rent out its program room to outside groups or individuals.

Statements of Concern:

Request for review of programs will be considered in the same manner as *Statement of Concern* of library materials as outlined in the Library's Collection Development Policy.