

Grimsby Public Library – Library Programming Policy

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Purpose

Library programming is a vital part of public library service. Programs compliment physical and online collections by presenting an alternate way to access, experience, and present information, culture and recreational pursuits. The Library's mission and vision encourages the development of programs that reflect and respond to community needs and interests. Programs are designed to support all forms of literacy and life-long learning in order to enhance the cultural landscape of Grimsby, create community connections, expand library outreach, serve all ages and the diverse community and enrich quality of life.

Definition

Library Program—An activity, presentation, or event offered to the public coordinated, planned, presented, or supported by the Library.

Guidelines

In addition to programs presented by Library staff, program partnerships with individuals and organizations create expanded opportunities for learning, dialogue, and entertainment. Examples of program partners include authors, performers, community agencies, and volunteer presenters with program-related expertise.

Library programs aim to:

- Support 21st Century literacies, including but not limited to: reading and writing literacy, digital literacy, financial literacy, environmental literacy, as well as science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM) literacy;
- Provide lifelong learning opportunities to Library patrons;
- Provide access to entertainment and cultural experiences;
- Promote the use of physical and online library collections, services and resources;
- Reduce social isolation by bringing community together;
- Support and strengthen community partnerships;
- Encourage participation by nonusers to grow library membership and library use.

Except in the case of authors, program partners with commercial interests will create presentations that are informational and/or educational, and do not promote a specific product or service for financial gain.

Most programs are free, but in some cases, there is a need to charge to cover expenses. Charging for a program must receive approval from the Chief Librarian/CEO.

Scope

This policy applies to all Library organized, co-sponsored and partnership events offered to the public by the Grimsby Public Library. However, this policy does not apply to special events that are developed and presented for purposes such as fundraising, volunteer, sponsor and benefactor recognition or community festivals.

Proposals for Library Programs

Suggestions for library programs that are informational or educational in nature by members of the public or community organizations are encouraged. Submissions that reflect the mission, vision, values of the Library and that align with the GPL Strategic Plan will be considered. The program suggestion [form](#) is available on the Library's website. We welcome all submissions, however, we are unable to offer all of the programs presented to us. Final program selection rests with the Library.

Related Policies/Statements:

- Accessibility Policy
- CFLA Statement on Intellectual Freedom in Libraries
- Code of Conduct
- Diversity and Inclusion Statement
- Grimsby Author Series Policy
- Rights of Children and Teens Policy
- Safety and Conduct of Children in the Library Policy
- Volunteer Policy