



Whitby Public Library

Program Policy

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Programming includes recreational, educational, or cultural events or activities. Library programs support the library's vision, mission, values, and strategic directions.

Library programs:

- promote reading and lifelong learning,
- raise awareness of library resources and services,
- enhance the library's role as a community gathering place,
- educate, inform, and entertain,
- invite discussion and encourage engagement about issues affecting the community,
- reflect the wide range of human qualities within society.

In planning and executing any program, the following factors will be considered:

- the Library's strategic directions,
- needs and interests of the community,
- target audience and appropriate scheduling for that audience,
- location, whether within a library facility, other suitable locations in the community or a virtual space,
- available staff, space and budget.

Presentation of a program does not necessarily indicate an endorsement of its content by the Library or the Board. No individual or organization shall use a library program to advertise or to recruit members. Sales are limited to books and CDs/DVDs by visiting authors, illustrators and performers.

While programs are open to all (not withstanding age restrictions for certain programs), the Library reserves the right to limit registration and to cancel programs.

Support persons are welcome in all programs and are not subject to any fees that may be charged. Communication supports for patrons with disabilities will be provided upon advance request, for example, but not limited to assistive listening device, ASL interpreter, etc. Contracted services may not be available for all programs.

Program evaluation will be conducted on an ongoing basis, using both formal and informal methods.