

Effective Date: October 2008**Program Policy**

Books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community the library serves. Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation. (ALA, 1996)

The Seymour Library shall conduct programs that fulfill its mission in the community. Staff shall determine whether the resources needed to accomplish the program are available. Programs should expand the library's role as a community resource, enhance the use of the library's collections with users and non-users, provide entertainment, improve access to information, provide opportunities for life long learning and expand the visibility of the library.

Programs should be free and open to the general public but some programs may be designed with specific audiences in mind, i.e. children's programs, teen programs and adult programs. Programs targeted toward specific audiences will be publicized as such. Registration may be required for planning purposes or when space is limited.

Selection of Library program topics, speakers, courses, classes and resource materials should be made by library staff on the basis of community needs and interests, availability of program space, treatment of content for intended audience, presenter qualifications in content area, budget, and relation to library collections. Presenters seeking to perform at the Seymour Library will be asked to fill out a Prospective Programmers application. Applications are reviewed on an ongoing basis.

Library programming should not exclude topics, books, speakers, media and other resources because they might be controversial. Acceptance of a program topic by the library does not constitute an endorsement by the library of the group's or individual's policies or beliefs. The library does not conduct programming that is purely commercial, religious, or politically persuasive in nature.

In scheduling events, priority is given to library-initiated programming. Programs sponsored by outside groups are allowed and will be scheduled in accordance with the regulations set forth in the library "Meeting Room Policy."

Concerns, questions or complaints about library-initiated programs should be referred to the Library Director.

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