Stirling-Rawdon Public Library

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Programming supports the Library's mission to stimulate imagination and inquiry. Programming provides information, invites public discussion, encourages curiosity and creativity and promotes literacy and reading. Programming also promotes the library's services and resources. This policy defines the provision of programming at the Library.

1. Programs are defined as any group activity offered to the public that staff coordinate, plan or present.
2. Library sponsorship of a program does not constitute an endorsement of the content of the program or views expressed by presenters or participants.
3. The Library will:
   a) make available a wide spectrum of opinions and viewpoints
   b) select programs based upon the interest and need of the community
   c) use programs to promote interest in, and the joy of reading
   d) make programs available free of charge except for fundraising events to benefit the Library
   e) limit program attendance based on safe use of space, or when success of program requires it
   f) make programs open to all, based upon first come first serve basis, either with advanced registration or at the door
   g) not offer programming that is purely commercial
   h) regularly evaluate the planning and delivery of library programs
   i) make available a process for user feedback and expressions of opinions/concerns about programs

4. The Library may:
   a) offer programs for children, young adults, adults and families
   b) participate in cooperative programs with other agencies, organizations, institutions or individuals
   c) sponsor programs in the library facility or outside of the library
   d) promote programs through brochures, news releases and the library's website and social media pages.
   e) allow presenters to display products or books for purchase