



Programming Policy

The vision of Crandall Public Library (CPL) is to cultivate a forward-thinking community that pursues knowledge, embraces inclusion, inspires creativity and values civic responsibility and its mission is to create programs and services to educate, enrich and encourage our thriving community.

Programming is an integral component of library services for people of all ages, and all CPL programs are open to the public. Programs will be offered free of charge, except for those that serve as Library fundraisers. The Library's philosophy of open access to information and ideas extends to library programming, and the Library does not knowingly discriminate through its programming.

Ultimate responsibility for programming rests with the Library Director, who operates under the authority of the Board of Trustees. The Library Director, in turn, delegates the authority for program management to qualified staff, who oversee this responsibility.

The following criteria will be considered when selecting program topics, speakers, and accompanying resources, although a program need not meet all criteria to be acceptable:

- Expands the Library's role as a community resource
- Introduces patrons and non-users to Library resources
- Provides entertainment
- Provides opportunities for lifelong learning
- Expands the visibility of the Library
- Relates to Library collections, resources, exhibits, and services
- Relates to community needs and interests
- Presents quality information by a presenter with qualifications and background
- Provides historical or educational significance
- Connects to other community programs, exhibitions, or events
- Availability of program space

CPL may draw upon other community resources in developing programs and actively partners with community agencies, organizations, educational and cultural institutions, or individuals to develop and present public programs.

- Professional performers and presenters that reflect specialized or unique expertise may be hired and compensated for their time and talent.
- Library staff who present or facilitate programs do so as part of their regular job and are not hired as outside contractors.

- Performers and presenters will not be excluded from consideration because of their origin, background, or views, or because of possible controversy.
- Performers interested in selling merchandise at a program must get approval by the staff member in charge of the program prior to the performance.
- Animals that are part of Library sponsored programs must be accompanied at all times by their handler and/or trainer.
- Library sponsored programs are not used for commercial, religious, or partisan purposes or for the solicitation of business.

Programs may be held on site or off site, and attendance will be available on a first-come, first serve basis. Registration may be required for planning purposes and/or when space is limited.

CPL reserves the right to cancel a program. Rescheduling is at the discretion of the Library. The Library reserves the right to deny attendance to anyone becoming disruptive to audience members, the program facilitator, Library staff, and anyone in violation of the Library's Rules of Behavior.

Presentation of a program by CPL does not constitute an endorsement of the content of the program or the views expressed by participants, and program topics. Speakers and resources are not excluded from programs because of possible controversy.

Book displays and exhibits are considered an extension of library programming, and serve to highlight CPL's collection and inform the public on a variety of topics and viewpoints that appeal to a range of ages, interests, and information needs. Library displays are planned, curated, and implemented by Library staff using the same criteria as for other programs. Library displays and exhibits should not exclude topics, books, media, and other resources solely because they may be considered to be controversial. Displays of books and exhibits does not constitute an endorsement of the content of the display or exhibit, or of the views expressed in materials on display.

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