Otonabee – South Monaghan 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 promotes the Library's services and resources. This policy defines the provision of programs by Library staff and through co-sponsored or partnership activities.

1. Programs are defined as any group activity offered to the public that staff coordinate, plan and/or present.

2. The Otonabee – South Monaghan Public Library upholds the principle of intellectual freedom embodied in the Canadian Federation of Library Associations' *Statement of Intellectual Freedom and* Libraries. ***Library sponsorship of a program does not constitute an endorsement of the content of the program, or the views expressed by presenters or participants***. See ***Intellectual Freedom Policy FN-04.***

3. All programs are designed to be inclusive and safe spaces, providing activities that are innovative, and community driven. The Library may deliver programs that present controversial or opposing points of view. Community members are expected to respect the rights and freedoms of others when expressing concern over any specific program. All expressions of concern should be addressed, in writing, to the CEO of the Library.

4. The Library will:
   a) make available a wide spectrum of opinions and viewpoints
   b) select programs based on the interests and needs of the community
   c) use programs to promote an interest in and the joy of reading and literacy
   d) make programs available that are free of charge, cost recovery or fundraisers
   e) limit program attendance based on safe use of space
   f) make programs open to all, based on a first come, first served basis, either with advanced registration or at the door
   g) not offer programming that is commercial in nature or intent
   h) review the credibility of any partners involved in delivering programs
   i) regularly evaluate the planning and delivery of library programs
   j) make available a process for user feedback including expressions of opinion and concern

5. 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) provide programs in the library facility or outside of the Library
   d) communicate programs through brochures, news releases, and social media
   e) allow presenters to display products or books for purchase at the time of the event

Related Documents:

OSM Public Library, *Intellectual Freedom Policy FN-04*
OSM Public Library, *Diversity and Inclusion Policy FN-06*
OSM Public Library, *Code of Conduct (Public) OP-14*