



Programming Policy

Policy

The Haliburton County Public Library (HCPL) provides a wide range of free programs and event that respond to community needs and interests. Public programming supports the library's mission, vision, and values. Programming provides information, invites public discussion, encourages curiosity, stimulates creativity, and promotes literacy and reading. Programming promotes the library's collections, resources, and services.

Procedure

1. Library programs expand opportunities for learning, connection, entertainment, and growth. Programs may be create and delivered by staff. Programs may be developed and facilitated through collaborative partnerships with individuals or groups. Programs provided in partnership with HCPL must be open to the public and offered without charge to participants.
2. Library sponsorship of a program does not constitute an endorsement of the content of the program, nor of the views expressed by presenters or participants. HCPL upholds the principle of intellectual freedom and supports the rights of individuals to read, speak, view, and exchange differing points of view on any subject. HCPL may present controversial programs that provide public access to diverse perspectives on a topic or issue.
3. The library will:
 - a) Make available a wide spectrum of opinions and viewpoints in its public programming.
 - b) Present programs based on the diverse needs and interests of community members.
 - c) Make programs available free of charge for patrons and visitors, with the exception of fundraising events which benefit HCPL.
 - d) Limit program attendance based on safe use of space, or when the success of a program requires it.
 - e) Make programs open to all, based on a first come, first served basis. This may be accomplished through advanced registration or at the event.

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- f) Not offer programming that is purely commercial.
 - g) Regularly evaluate program processes, goals, and outcomes.
 - h) Make available a process for patrons to provide feedback about public programming.
4. The library may:
- a) Offer programs for children, young adults, adults, seniors, and families.
 - b) Participate in cooperative programs with other agencies, organizations, institutions, or individuals, as per HCPL's Partnership Policy, OP-06.
 - c) Sponsor programs inside the library, outside of the library, and digitally.
 - d) Allow program presenters to display products or books for purchase, with prior approval by the Library CEO or Deputy CEO. Requests to sell creative works at HCPL events must be received, in writing, at least one week prior to the event date. Library staff will not be involved in the sale of books or other materials.

Section 1: Conditions of Cooperative Programs

- 1. HCPL may help to cross-promote co-sponsored programs in concert with other agencies, organizations, institutions, or individuals, as may be organizationally feasible.
- 2. HCPL may cross-promote co-sponsored programs using our website, via social media, and/or by displaying posters or other printed materials at our library service points.
- 3. Adults presenting multi-session library programs designed for children, youth, or other vulnerable populations, will be required to provide a volunteer Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC) to the library CEO for review and approval. Staff from established library partner organizations where this requirement exists are exempt. The VSC may be obtained from the Ontario Provincial Police's online portal. No cost will be incurred by a program facilitator, entertainer, volunteer, or HCPL, to obtain the VSC. The library CEO will provide a letter for the applicant indicating that the VSC check is required for volunteers involved in the delivery of library programming for minors.

Related Documents

Haliburton County Public Library. OP-06 Partnership Policy

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