

AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD PROGRAMMING POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT

Programming is a library service and as such is included in the Library Bill of Rights adopted by the Austin Public Library Board on September 9, 1996.

Austin Public Library programs are the presentation of events sponsored by the Austin Public Library. They are designed to meet the informational, educational and/or recreational needs of those attending the program, and to provide a positive library experience for individuals.

The purpose of this policy is to guide librarians in the selection and presentation of library sponsored programs. The Library Director will evaluate the effectiveness of the programs provided by gathering and analyzing data from the event. A formal statement of objectives will assist librarians in meeting the programming needs of this community.

OBJECTIVES

1. To provide informational, educational and recreational programs to supplement those of other community agencies and/or to provide informational, educational and recreational opportunities not available elsewhere in the community.
2. To provide information on a variety of subjects that can best be communicated in a program format.
3. To promote community awareness of library materials, resources and services.
4. To respond to the interests and requests of the people within the community.
5. To produce a positive library experience for individuals.
6. To establish positive relationships between the libraries in the community and the city and county served.

PRESENTATION OF LIBRARY PROGRAMS

The selection of any program does not constitute an endorsement of the views expressed. The Library recognizes that some programs may be controversial and that any given program may offend some library users. Decisions to provide programs will not be made on the basis of any anticipated approval or disapproval, but solely on the merits of the program in serving the interests of library users.

The Library will attempt to match programs with age groups and this will be stated in the publicity, but the responsibility for child attendance rests with the parents.

The Library Board will reconsider presenting any program upon written request by a user.

REVISION

This policy will be reviewed by the Library Board at least every two (2) years.

Last Reviewed: October 2018
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