



Clifton Springs Library

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LIBRARY PROGRAMMING POLICY

The Clifton Springs Library offers free and equal access to cultural and educational experiences. The library supports this mission by developing and presenting programs and classes that avail additional opportunities for information, life-long learning, recreation, and entertainment. Programming is an integral component of library service that:

- Extends the library's role as a community institution
- Introduces the community to library resources
- Expands the visibility of the library

The Director and library staff use the following criteria in making decisions about program topics, speakers, and accompanying resources:

- Community needs and interests, and relevance to the community
- Availability of program space
- Treatment of content for intended audience
- Presentation quality and presenter background/qualifications in content area
- Budget
- Historical or educational significance
- Connection to other community programs, exhibitions, and/or events
- Relation to library collections, resources, exhibits, and/or other programs

In addition, the library actively partners with other agencies, organizations, educational and cultural institutions, and/or individuals to develop and present co-sponsored public programs. Professional performers and presenters that reflect specialized or unique expertise may be hired; performers and presenters will not be excluded from consideration because of their origin, background, or views, or because of possible controversy. Library staff who present or facilitate programs do so as part of their regular job and are not hired as outside contractors for programming.

All library programs are open to the public. 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 including those community members to whom a program fee would prohibit attendance. According to the American Library Association's interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights, the "right to use a library encompasses all the resources the library offers, including the right to attend library-initiated programs. Libraries do not deny or abridge access to library resources, including library-initiated programs, based on an individual's economic background or ability to pay." When selecting programming, the Clifton Springs Library will work to accommodate and include all community members.

Library sponsorship of a program does not constitute an endorsement of the content of the program or the views expressed by facilitators, presenters, and/or participants. Program topics, speakers, and resources are not excluded from programs because of possible controversy.

Registration may be required for planning purposes and/or when space is limited. Programs may be held on site or off site. Any sales of products at library programs must be approved by the library and benefit the library. Programs are not used for commercial, religious, or partisan purposes or the solicitation of business.

External organizations or individuals partnering with the library on programs must coordinate marketing efforts with the Director.

The library reserves the right to cancel a program. Programs scheduled on a day when the library is closed due to inclement weather are automatically cancelled. Rescheduling is at the discretion of the library.

The library welcomes expressions of opinion from the community concerning programming. If a patron questions a library program, he/she should first address the concern with the Director.