

DRAFT Pamunkey Regional Library Library Sponsored Programs Policy

The Pamunkey Regional Library's mission is to enhance the quality of life in our communities by providing free access to information, promoting reading enjoyment, nurturing lifelong learning, and providing places for people to interact.

The Library is a space for all members of our community. The Library will strive to offer programs on a wide spectrum of opinions and viewpoints as well as offer programs that appeal to a range of ages, interests, and information needs.

Programs are an integral component of library service that:

- Expand the Library's role as a community resource
- Introduce patrons and non-users to Library resources
- Provide opportunities for lifelong learning
- Increase the visibility of the library

The Library's staff use the following criteria in making decisions about program and display topics, speakers, and accompanying resources:

- Support of the Library's mission
- Relation to Library collections, resources, exhibits and programs
- Availability of program space
- Relevance to the interests and issues of community members
- Presentation quality
- Historical, educational or artistic significance
- Connection to other community programs, exhibitions or events
- Presenter qualifications in content area
- Budget

The Library develops programs and actively partners with other community agencies, organizations, educational and cultural institutions, or individuals with demonstrated reputation and/or authority on the subject matter to develop and present co-sponsored public programs. Professional performers and presenters that reflect specialized or unique expertise may be hired for Library programs. Performers and presenters will not be excluded from consideration because of their national or ethnic origin, background, or views. Library staff who present programs do so as part of their regular job duties and are not hired as outside contractors for programming.

All Library programs are free and open to the public. Library sponsorship of a program does not constitute an endorsement of the content of the program or the views expressed by participants.

A patron with a question about a particular library program should first address the concern with a library staff member. Patrons may request a review of a library program and should submit the [Request for Reconsideration form](#)

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Requests for review of programs will be considered in the same manner as requests for reconsideration of library materials as outlined in the library policy “Request for Reconsideration”.

**This Policy uses information and language from [The Cranston Public Library Library-Initiated Programs and Display Policy](#), [Driftwood Public Library Display Policy](#) and the [American Library Association Library-Initiated Programs and Displays as a Resource: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights](#).*

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