

Mission

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.

Objective

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

Guidelines

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.

Reconsideration

There is a formal procedure for the reconsideration of library-sponsored programs. A patron with a question about a particular library program should first address the concern with a library staff member. For a request of reconsideration to be considered, the “Request for Reconsideration Form” must be completed in full and can be found in the Reconsideration section of the Library’s Collection Development Policy. Upon receipt of the completed and signed Request for Reconsideration form, Library Administration will review the program and the Library Director will respond to the complainant in writing (either by email or regular mail) within thirty days. The response will indicate the action to be taken, if any, and the reasons for or against the request.

*This Policy uses information and language from The Cranston Public Library’s *Library-Initiated Programs and Display Policy*, Driftwood Public Library’s *Display Policy*.