

Davenport Public Library

Programming Policy

The Davenport Public Library offers programs intended to further the Library's mission of connecting a diverse community to resources that inform, enrich, educate and entertain. Programs are provided as a means through which the public of all ages, cultures, backgrounds and interest groups can share experiences, appreciate special interests, and exchange information.

The Davenport Public Library Board of Trustees delegates development and presentation of programs to the Library Director and his/her designee(s).

All programs must be open to the public and offered free of charge, although at the discretion of the Library Director, the following will be permissible at Library-initiated programs or on property governed by Library policy:

- 1) Fund-raising to benefit the Library, or sponsored by the FRIENDS of the Davenport Public Library.
- 2) The sale of books, CDs, or other items by authors; performers/presenters or vendors as part of a Library program. Presenters are encouraged to donate a copy of their work to the Library for possible inclusion in the Library collection.

The library may collaborate on programs not developed by the Library that promote the Library's mission.

The Library promotes the free and open exchange of ideas and does not attempt to control or be responsible for the content of programs it does not initiate nor does it indicate an endorsement of other group's philosophies.

In order to prepare a program schedule that reflects the diversity of the city and the world, the presenter's demonstrated qualifications, expertise and reputation are all considered. Requests from individuals to present programs including author readings and signings are also considered. All programming will be weighed against the Library's budget, other allocated resources, and the public's demonstrated interest in the topic.

Every attempt will be made to accommodate all who wish to attend a program. However, when safety or the success of a program requires it, attendance may be limited and will be determined on a first come, first served basis, either with advanced registration or at the door. Attendance at some library-sponsored programs may be restricted to specific age groups.

In no case will attendance at a program be limited because the content of the program may be controversial.

The Library does not offer programs of a purely commercial nature—including but not limited to presentations offered for free but with the intention of soliciting future business.

The Library does not offer programs that support or oppose any political candidate, ballot measure, or specific religious conviction. However, educational or entertaining programs such as candidates' forums that include invitations to all recognized candidates, and holiday programs may be offered.

Materials asking for library visitors to sign a petition or letter are not permitted at library programs.

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