



# Kenora Public Library Board

## POLICY

<b>SECTION: Operating</b>	<b>NO: OP-05</b>
<b>TITLE: Programming</b>	<b>DATE: March 27, 2024</b>
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Programming supports the library's mission to provide a welcoming, safe, and supportive environment that connects our community and provides access to resources for inspiration, enjoyment, cultural expression, and the pursuit of lifelong learning. Programming promotes the library's services and resources. This policy defines the provision of programs by Library Staff and through co-sponsored or partnership activities.

1. Programs are defined as any group activity offered to the public that staff, plan and/or present.
2. The Kenora Public Library upholds the principle of intellectual freedom embodied in the Canadian Federation of Library Associations' Statement of Intellectual Freedom and Libraries. Library sponsorship of a program does not constitute an endorsement of the content of the program, or the views expressed by presenters or participants. See **Intellectual Freedom Policy FOU-02**.
3. All programs are designed to be inclusive and safe spaces, providing activities that are innovative, and community driven. The library may deliver programs that present controversial or opposing points of view. Community members are expected to respect the rights and freedoms of others when expressing concern over any specific program. All expressions of concern should be addressed, in writing, to the CEO of the Library.
4. The library will:
  - make available a wide spectrum of opinions and viewpoints
  - select programs based on the interest and need of the community
  - use programs to promote interest in, and the joy of, reading and literacy
  - Make programs available at low cost, or free of charge, except for fundraising events to benefit the library
  - limit program attendance based on safe use of space, or when demand for a program requires it
  - make programs open to all, based on a first come, first served basis, either with advanced registration or at the door
  - not offer programming that is purely commercial in nature or intent
  - assess the credibility of any partners involved in delivering programs
  - regularly evaluate the planning and delivery of library programs
  - make available a process for user feedback and expressions of opinions/concerns about programs. The Kenora Public Library recognizes the right of individuals or groups to object to programs based on personal beliefs. However, such objection does not provide any individual or group the right to restrict the freedom of others to participate in library programs.

5. The library may:

- offer programs for children, young adults, adults and families
- participate in cooperative programs with other agencies, organizations, institutions or individuals
- sponsor programs in the library facility or outside the library
- promote programs through brochures, news releases, the library's website and social media.
- Allow presenters to display products or books for purchase

**Related Documents:**

- Kenora Public Library. ***FOU-02 – Intellectual Freedom***
- Canadian Federation of Library Associations' ***Statement on Intellectual Freedom and Libraries (Appendix)***

History			
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