

Plum Creek Library System Programming Policy

Overview

Public library programming provides inspiration and education to the people of the Plum Creek Library System (PCLS) region to help patrons discover and explore new ideas. PCLS provides support for library programming to advance the library's mission, vision, and values, and the Programming Policy outlines the principles guiding our program coordination and development.

Program Planning and Development

PCLS is committed to inclusivity, intellectual freedom, and the promotion of diverse perspectives. Library programming includes a wide range of opinions and viewpoints and does not exclude topics, books, speakers, and other resources solely on the grounds of controversy. Acceptance of a program topic does not constitute an endorsement of PCLS or its member libraries of the content of the program or views expressed by the presenter or participants.

Programs are assessed by the relevance to the community's needs and interests as well as budget constraints, staff availability, space limitations, and technology. PCLS does not offer programs of a purely commercial nature; however, presenters may provide contact information for participants interested in future business, and merchandise may be sold with prior authorization.

Access

PCLS-sponsored programs are open to the public, and attendance is never limited due to controversial content. Registration may be required for planning purposes and in cases of limited space or resources. Patrons with special accommodation requests are encouraged to reach out to library staff before the event.

Program Conduct

Library programs are shared experiences and all participants are expected to behave in a way that promotes the best experience for everyone. Unacceptable behavior includes actions that interfere with program access, the safety of others, staff responsibilities, or that could result in damage to property. Violations may result in consequences, such as removal from the program.

Programs may not be recorded by the public without the formal permission of the presenter.

Attendees at PCLS-sponsored programs may be photographed or recorded by the library per the PCLS Photography Policy.

Supplies and extra materials belonging to PCLS are collected at the end of programs for use in future PCLS programs and cannot be taken home by participants. Exceptions may be made with prior authorization.

Questions and Concerns

Patrons can contact a PCLS staff member with questions and concerns. Formal expressions of concern may be submitted through the Statement of Concern form available on the PCLS website. Concerns will be reviewed by the PCLS Director and Program Coordinator and may be referred to a review committee. A written response will be provided and appropriate follow-up actions will be taken in a timely manner.

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