

BRADLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
PUBLIC USE OF THE LIBRARY POLICY

SECTION 5: LIBRARY SERVICES

Part 5: Programs

The Bradley Public Library District furthers its mission by providing library programs to meet the cultural, informational, recreational and educational needs of the community it serves. Library-initiated, sponsored and co-sponsored programs are resources that provide information, education, and recreation to the community. Such programs utilize library staff, materials, community resources and organizations. 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 origin, background, or views, or because of possible controversy. Library staff who present programs do so as part of their regular job and are not hired as outside contractors for programming.

The Bradley Public Library does co-sponsor programs with outside agencies, individuals, community organizations and the Friends of the Bradley Public Library. The library's role in such cases may include, but is not limited to: library staff time in planning the program and furnishing space, promotion, and related book lists or displays. Library programs must be non-commercial in nature. While a businessperson or other professional may present a program, the information should always be generic in nature. No solicitation of business is permitted. When a community group or individual approaches the library with a programming idea or request, the library staff will examine the request and determine if:

- The program supports the mission of the library
- The resources needed to accomplish the program are available

Bradley Public Library District sponsorship of a program does not constitute an endorsement of the content of the program or the views expressed by participants.

Programs may take place in the library and in other locations in the community.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance at Library sponsored programs is open to the public. The Library reserves the right to set age limits for children's programs. Attendance at all other programs shall not be restricted because of age, gender, race, background, or beliefs. In the case of film programs the Motion Picture Association of America ratings are provided for information only. Every attempt will be made to accommodate all who wish to attend a program. However, when safety or the nature of a program requires it, attendance may be limited.

Registration may be required for planning purposes or when space is limited. Bradley Public Library District reserves the right to give priority registration to Bradley Public Library District cardholders and admit all others on a first come, first served basis.

CHARGES AND FEES

No admission fees will be charged at library programs. Fees may be charged for certain programs that require extra materials. Any fees will be stated on all advertising and must be paid at registration. The library may participate as a co-sponsor in off-site programs that require a fee for attendance for program cost recovery purposes.

The sale of products at a Library program is not allowed. There are two exceptions:

- Because the Library encourages reading, writing, and appreciation of culture, authors, performers and artists may sell their own works at the Library following their Library-sponsored program.
- The Friends of the Bradley Public Library District may sell items at Library programs they sponsor.

Exceptions to the above may be made at the discretion of the Library Director.

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