



The Middleburgh Library

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Policy – Middleburgh Library Programming

The Middleburgh Library supports its mission of fostering a love of reading and lifelong learning by developing and presenting programs that provide additional opportunities for information, learning, and entertainment. Programming is an integral component of library service that:

- Expands the Library's role as a community resource
- Introduces patrons and non-users to Library resources
- Provides entertainment
- Provides opportunities for lifelong learning
- Expands the visibility of the Library

Ultimate responsibility for programming at the Library rests with the Director who administers under the authority of the Board of Trustees with support from library staff/volunteers and the Program Committee. The following criteria is used in making decisions about program topics, speakers, and accompanying resources:

- Community needs and interests
- Availability of program space
- Treatment of content for intended audience
- Presentation quality
- Presenter background/qualifications in content area
- Budget
- Relevance to community interests and issues
- Historical or educational significance
- Connection to other community programs, exhibitions or events
- Relation to Library collections, resources, exhibits and 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 origin, background, or views, or because of possible controversy. All Library programs are open to the public although a fee may be charged for certain types of programming. The Library maintains the philosophy of open access to information and ideas and does not knowingly discriminate based on the content of a program. Library sponsorship of a program, however, does not constitute an endorsement of its content or the views expressed by participants.

Registration may be required for planning purposes or when space is limited. Any sales of products at Library programs must be approved by the Director and generally constitute the sale of books or music CDs by artists

and authors. Programs are not used for commercial, religious, or partisan purposes. Presenters are encouraged to make available business cards, pamphlets or other materials outlining their business or services to participants although actual business, such as sales, contracts or appointment setting must be done outside the library.

The Library welcomes expressions of opinion from patrons and community members concerning programming. If a patron questions a library program, he/she should first address the concern with a Library staff member. All inquiries will be followed up by the Library Director.

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