

Section 4 – Service Policies

4.1 *Programming*

The Poudre River Public Library District provides public programs to further its mission and strategic vision. Library programs utilize staff expertise to provide the community opportunities to access a wide range of information, education, and entertainment.

Library programs include a variety of formats including, but not limited to, storytimes for children, lectures, skill development, arts and culture events, family activities, book discussions, wellness activities, and entertainment. Library programs may take place on Library property, off-property at other locations, or online. Programs may be created for an intended age group or audience based on educational suitability and audience interest.

The District Executive Director entrusts District staff with researching, planning, delivering, and evaluating programs. Staff will use an evaluative process to provide programs that balance:

- The mission, vision, and values of the District
- The District Strategic Plan
- Cost-effective and efficient use of resources
- Equality of access

The District actively seeks to provide a range of programs that represent a diversity of genres, formats, ideas, and expressions with a multitude of viewpoints and cultural perspectives. Programs should reflect the diversity within and serve the interests of our communities.

The Library does not offer programs that are purely commercial or that conflict with library policies.

Program partnerships and presenters

Public programming may be initiated and implemented by District staff or in partnership with community members and organizations. The Library is receptive to community suggestions for programs, events, and speakers.

The District's involvement in a program does not constitute an endorsement of the views expressed by partnering organizations, presenters, or participants.

The District does not exclude potential presenters or facilitators from consideration because of their origin, background, or views.

Access

Programs are offered free of charge to all customers regardless of age, race, religion, familial beliefs, sexual orientation, ethnic group, nationality, immigration status, socioeconomic status, sex, gender identity, gender expression, ability, language, religious affiliation, beliefs, age,

viewpoints or political affiliation. Poudre Libraries' philosophy of open access to information and ideas extends to library programming.

The District will make every attempt to accommodate all who wish to attend a program and assure program spaces are accessible to all users. When the safety or success of a program requires it, the District may limit attendance or determine attendance on a first-come, first-served basis, either with advanced registration or at the door.

Parents and guardians may restrict their own minor children's access to library programs, but no person or organization can interfere in others' access and participation.

Library programs that occur outside of library property are subject to the rules and regulations of the host property and follow District policies and guidelines.

Programs may be rescheduled or cancelled due to weather, low registration, scheduling conflicts, or other unforeseen circumstances.

Privacy

The Library will not provide names or other identifying information of people attending programs.

Requests for Reconsideration

Poudre Libraries' Reconsideration of Library Resources Policy explains the process, eligibility, and decision-making regarding requests for reconsideration.

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