

The Hyde Park Library offers a wide variety of programs in support of its mission to provide cultural and learning opportunities to all. The Library aspires to provide programs that:

- Promote the Library's collections and resources,
- Build relationships in the community,
- Deliver age appropriate and culturally sensitive learning opportunities, and
- Create opportunities for collaboration, innovation, and inspiration.

I. Program Content

- A. Selection of topics, courses, classes, events and their presenters will be made by Library staff and approved by the Library Director based on the interests and needs of Library users and the community and on their compatibility with the Library's mission and goals.
- B. Consistent with the Library's Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy (Policy 5.2), Library programming should reflect the diversity of the Hyde Park community, and the Library should encourage all community members to participate in them.
- C. The Library respects patrons' right to freedom of information and opposes any attempts by individuals or groups to censor its programs and events. However, the presentation of potentially controversial programming does not constitute an endorsement by the Library of the ideas presented.
- D. Library programs must be non-commercial. Presenters may be professionals or business people, but the information presented must be generic in nature. No solicitation for a presenter's business will be permitted, and the sale of products at

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Library program is not allowed, with two exceptions:

1. Because the Library supports reading, writing and an appreciation for the arts, writers, performers, and artists may obtain Library approval to sell their own works at the Library following the Library programs they present.
2. The Friends of the Library may sell items at the Library programs they sponsor.

II. Attendance, Restrictions, and Cancellations

- A. Library programs will be free and open to residents of the Hyde Park Library District.
- B. The Library reserves the right to set **minimum ages** and attendance limits for all programs.
- C. For planning reasons, registration may be required for events.
- D. Should the Library close due to inclement weather, programs scheduled on that day are automatically canceled. Rescheduling is at the discretion of the Library.

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