

Library Policies of the Mercer Public Library

XI. Programming Policy

A “program” is a planned interaction between the library staff and the program participants for the purpose of promoting library materials, facilities, or services, and increasing the library’s visibility; and to offer the community an informational, entertaining, or cultural experience.

Programming may include such activities as story times, films and activities on no-school days, summer library programs for children, lectures and workshops for all ages, community social activities, and book or author discussion groups. The library director will select program topics, speakers, and resources based on criteria including:

- Community needs and interests
- Availability of appropriate program space
- Intended audience
- Presenter quality and qualifications in content area
- Budget
- Historical or educational significance
- Connection to other library programs and priorities

The board, in conjunction with the Library Director, will establish goals for programming to facilitate the effective implementation of this service.

Performers and presenters will not be excluded from consideration because of their origin, background, or views, or because of potential controversy. Programming sponsored by the library does not necessarily reflect the views of the Library Board or the Town of Mercer. Members of the public who object to the content of a library program may complete and sign the “Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials or Exhibits” form, which will be forwarded to the Library Director and judged according to the policies established by the library.