

Policy: 423

Library Programs

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PURPOSE

The Auburn Hills Public Library (AHPL) provides responsive programs that connect, engage, and inspire the community.

The AHPL holds public activities in the Library for civic, cultural, or educational purposes. The views and opinions expressed in any outside presentation are those of the presenter(s) and do not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of the Library.

GUIDELINES

1. The Library Board of Trustees endorses the American Library Association (ALA) *Library Initiated Programs as a Resource: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights* as adopted by the ALA Council.¹
2. Library programs will be related to the Library's strategic plan and meet the informational, educational, or entertainment needs of library patrons.
3. Under the Director's guidance, professional librarians and library staff plan, implement, and deliver programming in accordance with the principles and practices of the ALA.
4. Registration may be required and attendance limited for a program depending upon its subject matter and resources. The age requirement and the minimum or maximum number of attendees will be determined by library staff in cooperation with presenters.
5. Library staff reserve the right to give a seat to another patron if the originally registered patron is more than 15 minutes late. Consistent no-shows to programs with no cancellations may result in additional consequences up to and including suspension from program sign-ups for a month or more.
6. Patrons must adhere to the Patron Code of Conduct policy (Policy 407) while attending any library program, whether on-site or off-site.

¹[Library-Initiated Programs as a Resource: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights | ALA](#), adopted January 27, 1982

PRESENTATIONS AND GUIDED LIBRARY TOURS

- A. Group presentations or tours are available to organizations in or local to Auburn Hills.
- B. Tour requests must be approved by a department head or the library Director.
- C. Individual groups or classes may request no more than one tour per year unless otherwise approved by a department head or library Director.
- D. Arrangements must be made at least one month in advance.

NON-COMMERCIALITY

Library-sponsored programs are to be free of solicitations and sales pitches, unless prior authorization from the Library is given. No goods or services, including attendees' names and/or contact information, may be solicited or sold during the program or event, with limited exceptions and prior authorization. The Library does not offer programs of a commercial nature. Library programs may occur on-site or off-site. Booking a Library meeting room does not constitute a Library-sponsored program.

STATEMENT OF CONCERN

Concerns, questions, or complaints about library programs will be addressed in accordance with library policies and regulations that govern the use of other library resources. Please see our Statement of Concern About Library Resources form.

RECONSIDERATION OF LIBRARY PROGRAMS

The Library provides a neutral environment in which individuals and their interests are brought together with the universe of ideas and information spanning the spectrum of knowledge and opinions. The inclusion of a program in the Library's scheduled events is in no way an endorsement of its contents. Responsibility for the use of the library by children rests with their parents or legal guardians. At no time will library staff act in loco parentis. Any resident who objects to a program in the Library's scheduled events may complete the Statement of Concern Regarding Library Resources form available at a library service desk. The Statement of Concern will first be reviewed by the department head and the library Director. The Director's assessment will be reviewed by the Library Board of Trustees. The program under question will remain active in the calendar during the review process. The patron will be notified regarding the decision of the library staff and/or board. The decision of the Library Board is final.

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