

## **LIBRARY PROGRAMS**

Library programs support the mission of the Library by providing users with additional opportunities to access information, education, and recreation. Article I of the Library Bill of Rights states, "Books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community the library serves."

The Library recognizes that it serves communities that comprise people of different ages, backgrounds, sensibilities, personalities, interests, and needs. The Library actively seeks to present a variety of programming options representing a diversity of formats, ideas, and expressions that reflect the broad range of viewpoints and cultural perspectives in its communities.

Library programs may take place on-site at the library, in other locations, or online, and may be presented by library staff, library-approved volunteers, or partners. The Library may participate in cooperative or joint programs with other organizations, institutions, or individuals in order to make use of outside skills or expertise. Individuals or organizations may request consideration to partner with Library staff to present a program by completing a Program Partnership Request Form (JMRL Form: Section 4.53). Alternatively, groups may use meeting rooms for their own purposes as described in the Library's Meeting and Conference Rooms Policy (JMRL Policy 5.1).

Library programs are open to the public and generally free of charge, although some may be subject to capacity limits and target age guidelines. Programs that are of a primarily commercial nature intended to solicit business are not offered. However, with advance written permission from the Library Director, program presenters may sell copies of their creative works related to their performance/presentation as a resource to program participants. Library staff shall not be involved in such sales in any fashion.

Library presentation of a program does not constitute an endorsement of the program content or the views expressed by the participants or speakers, any more than the purchase of material for the Library collection constitutes an endorsement of the material content or its creator's views. Concerns, questions, or complaints about Library programs are handled in accordance with the Library's Reconsideration Policy (JMRL Policy 4.24).