



Kennett Library Programming Policy

1. Mission Statement

Kennett Library offers programs intended to further the Library's mission: Igniting imagination, enriching lives, and creating community.

2. Purpose of Program Policy

The Program Policy, approved by the Library Board of Trustees, outlines our philosophy and guidelines as it pertains to programming. As a living document, it assures that programming at Kennett Library reflects community needs in the area.

3. Philosophy and Scope of the Program Policy

Programs at Kennett Library support our strategic initiatives, collection of materials, services, resources, and facilities along with regional goals. In addition, programs serve the popular, recreational, informational and social needs of the general public and reflect equitable outreach and engagement to a diverse community while promoting a culture of inclusion.

Inherent in the program philosophy is an appreciation for each patron of Kennett Library. The library provides programs to support each individual's journey and does not place a value on one patron's needs or preferences over another's. The library upholds the right of the individual to access information, even though the content may be controversial, unorthodox or unacceptable to others. The views and opinions of program presenters do not constitute endorsement of Kennett Library.

4. Program Selection and Design

Presenters will be chosen from local, regional, and national talent. Requests to present programs, are approved according to the public's demonstrated interest in the topic, as well as budgetary resources. See also Kennett Library's [Collection Development Policy](#).

Criteria for program selection and design include:

- Advances library's values (Innovation, Learning, Collaboration, Openness, Inclusion, and Respect) and mission (igniting imagination, enriching lives, and creating community)
- Service area demographics
- Strategic Plan alignment
- Relevance to the needs and interests of the community
- Current demand and frequency of use
- Accuracy and timeliness of program content
- Availability elsewhere
- Continuous evaluation to maintain programming vitality and usefulness to the community
- Cost and budget considerations
- Impact and capacity of internal, tangential partners within the library

Furthermore, the library reserves the right to not schedule a program and/or cancel a scheduled program.



5. Programming Guidelines

Kennett Library supports free and open access to information and ideas as stated in the Library Bill of Rights and the Freedom to View policies of the American Library Association. (Refer to E-3, Library Bill of Rights and E-5, Freedom to View).

1. Library sponsorship of a program does not constitute an endorsement of the content of the program or the views expressed by presenters or participants. The library does not offer programs that are purely commercial or religious in nature.
2. Programs may be cancelled due to weather, low registration, or absence of the presenter. Cancelled programs are not necessarily rescheduled.
3. The library welcomes groups and organizations to reserve meeting spaces at our facilities and requires customers to comply with the [Kennett Room Booking Policy](#).
4. Library programs are free and open to the public.
5. Appeals to this policy or reconsideration of a program may be submitted via the Library Director.