

PROGRAMMING POLICY
Prairie-River Library District

Preface

The Prairie-River Library District is comprised of small-town libraries in Nez Perce, Idaho and Lewis counties and is a partner in the Valnet consortium, sharing resources and technology with libraries in north-central Idaho and south-east Washington. The mission of the Prairie-River Library District is to provide appropriate materials, resources, and staff to meet the informational, educational, and recreational needs of the patron. Toward that end, the staff of the Prairie-River Library District will endeavor to provide prompt, friendly service with courtesy and respect to all.

Introduction

The Prairie-River Library District supports its mission by developing and presenting programs that provide additional opportunities for information, lifelong learning, and recreation. Programming is an essential part of library services that expands the library's role as a community resource for people of all ages, backgrounds and interests. The district's Board of Trustees delegates development and presentation of programs to library employees and volunteers.

Program Development

The Prairie-River Library District utilizes library staff expertise, collections, services and facilities in developing and delivering programming. The following criteria is used in making decisions about program topics, speakers, and accompanying resources:

- a) Community needs and interests
- b) Availability of program space
- c) Presentation quality and presenter background/qualifications in content area
- d) Budget
- e) Historical or educational significance
- f) Connection to other community programs, exhibitions or events
- g) Relation to library collections, resources, exhibits and programs

In addition, the Library draws upon other community resources in developing programs and actively partners with other community agencies, organizations, educational and cultural institutions, or individuals to develop and present co-sponsored public programs. Professional performers and presenters that reflect specialized or unique expertise may be hired for library programs.

Program Delivery

All library programs are open to the public and free of charge. Every attempt will be made to accommodate all who wish to attend a program. However, when safety or the success of a program requires it, attendance may be limited and will be determined on a first come, first served basis, either with advanced registration or at the door. Attendance at some programs may be restricted to specific age groups. Library sponsorship of a program does not constitute an endorsement of the content of the

program or the views expressed by participants, and program topics, speakers and resources are not excluded from programs because of possible controversy.

Programs may be held on site at any district branch or off site. Any sales of products at library programs must be approved by the library and benefit the library. Programs are not used for commercial, religious, or partisan purposes or the solicitation of business.

External organizations or individuals partnering with the library on programs must coordinate marketing efforts with library staff.

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