



## PORT MOODY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD POLICY

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### Purpose of Policy

To outline general principles governing library programs.

### Related Policies

D8 Partnerships

### General Principles

1. In keeping with the Library's mission and vision statements, and its strategic priorities, programs are considered an integral part of library service.
2. Programs are defined as a planned event or activity that may be developed and delivered by library staff, invited speakers or in partnership with other organizations. Programs may occur at the library, online or at offsite locations.
3. The Library initiates programs to stimulate interest in, and use of, the library and its resources, and for the general enjoyment and enlightenment of the public. Programs provide another format for the dissemination of information, and an opportunity for participants to share ideas and experiences. Library programs will:
  - Connect people with ideas and information.
  - Inspire imagination and a love of reading.
  - Facilitate lifelong learning and discovery.
4. Programs will be designed to meet the needs and interests of the community. They will create and promote community partnerships, and extend the library's ability to reach new and diverse audiences, and attract non-users.
5. All programs are open to the general public. However programs designed for specific audiences may have attendance restrictions or requirements.
6. Programs will be offered without charge to attendees.
7. Library programs are non-commercial. Information presented by invited speakers (e.g. professional experts) must be generic in nature and refrain from solicitation of business.
8. Except for the direct benefit of the library, donations and/or fund raising activities will not be solicited or held during programs. Subject to prior approval by the Library Director or designate, items related to a program, such as an author's books, may be sold at the event.

9. The Library endorses the Canadian Library Association's Position Statement on Intellectual Freedom and recognizes that some programs may have controversial content in order to ensure public access to all sides of an issue. The Board takes no position on the views, ideas or opinions of program content and does not endorse particular points of view promoted at programs. Speakers will agree not to contravene the Criminal Code of Canada and the Human Rights Act of British Columbia during the course of their program.

10. Partnerships for Programming Content

- 10.1. The Library may partner with other not-for-profit or for-profit organizations for programming content.
- 10.2. The Library may provide content and present programs in other venues, or other organizations may provide content and present programs at the library.
- 10.3. The Library will consider content that meets the above general principles and supports the Library's goals and mission statement.
- 10.4. When partners provide content, the Library will waive room rental fees. Staff support for promotion and on-site assistance may be provided.
- 10.5. Partners will be acknowledged as appropriate.
- 10.6. For general principles governing all Library partnerships, refer to Board Policy D8 Partnerships.