



Programs Policy

The Jackson County Public Library will present programs that are informational, educational, cultural, and recreational. These programs often will be presented in cooperation with other agencies and institutions as well as other public and private resources.

The Jackson County Public Library and its Board of Trustees endorse and support the Library Bill of Rights and the American Library Association interpretation resulting in Library Initiated Programs as a Resource.

Programs will be planned to meet the interests and needs of community members and will represent the wide range of ideas and views contained in our materials collection. They will represent the library's philosophy of free access to information. The ultimate responsibility for selection of library programs rests with the library director who operates within the framework of the policies determined by the Board of Trustees.

Most programs and events planned, promoted or sponsored by the library are free of charge. Programs may be designed for a specific age or grade level, and attendance may then be limited to a specifically described audience.

Some programs may require registration. This is done in order to

1. not exceed capacity of spaces;
2. ensure the audience matches the specifically described characteristics such as age or grade level;
3. allow the presenter to prepare for each individual attending;
4. ensure the number of registrants meets the minimum requirement.

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If registration is required, it will be done on a first-come, first-served basis for the described audience. When programs are filled, waiting lists with limited spots will be available in case of cancellations.

There occasionally may be a materials fee requested by the co-sponsoring agency when these materials cannot be reproduced by the library due to copyright or other restrictions. However, when there is a fee for materials, this fee will be stated upfront and should not exceed actual material costs to the presenter. All materials to be used by a co-sponsoring body must be approved by the library before the scheduled program.

Program participants should expect that photographs/video will be taken at events and used on the library's social media sites, publications and/or website. The library will not identify members of the public in social media posts through accompanying text or photograph highlighting within the platform itself (typically called "tagging") without verbal or written consent. If the subject is under 18 years old, consent must be given by the parent or legal guardian. The library is not responsible for members of the public being identified by third parties either in comments or by tagging.

No individual or organization who presents a program at the library for public attendance is allowed to sell their product or services or collect names, and/or contact information of attendees during their presentation or during their time at the library. Exempt from this are authors or performers who come to present their books, videos, or performances or other vendors for library sponsored events. Before or after the presentation, the author, performer, or his/her representative may unobtrusively sell copies of the published or recorded work. Also exempt are businesses attending a job fair hosted by the library. Presentation at the library of any specific idea, strategy, financial plan or investment does not constitute library endorsement. Organization or business affiliation will be used by the library in its promotion of programs. This also does not constitute endorsement, merely acknowledgment.

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