



Commerce Township Community Library

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The Commerce Township Community Library supports its mission by developing and presenting cultural, educational, and community programs for individuals of all ages. Programs shall be intended to provide opportunity to engage the public with information, learning, and entertainment.

Programming is an integral component of library service that:

- Expands the Library's role as a community resource
- Introduces patrons and non-users to Library resources
- Provides entertainment
- Provides opportunities for lifelong learning
- Expands the visibility of the Library in the community

Program Policy

Commerce Township Community Library programs are events or presentations that promote the use of library materials, services and/or offer the community informative, entertaining, or cultural experiences. Programs are planned for the interest and enlightenment of the residents of Commerce Township. The Library strives to offer a variety of programs that reflect the interests of our residents.

The Library utilizes Library staff expertise, collections, services and facilities in developing and delivering programming. The Library's staff use the following criteria in making decisions about program topics, speakers and accompanying resources:

- Community needs and interests
- Availability of program space
- Treatment of content for intended audience
- Presentation quality
- Presenter background/qualifications in content area
- Budget
- Historical or educational significance
- Connection to other community programs, exhibitions or events
- Relation to Library collections, resources, exhibits and programs

In addition, the Library may draw upon other community resources in developing programs. It may partner with other community agencies, organizations, educational and cultural institutions, or individuals to develop and present co-sponsored public programs.

All Library programs are open to the public. A fee may be charged for certain types of Library programs. Registration may be required for planning purposes or when space is limited.

The Library's philosophy of open access to information and ideas extends to Library programming, and the library does not knowingly discriminate through its programming. Professional performers and presenters that reflect specialized or unique expertise may be hired for Library programs; performers and presenters will not be excluded from consideration because of their origin, background, or views, or because of possible controversy.

Programs shall not be used for commercial purposes, for religious services or worship, for partisan purposes in support of or against a political figure or candidate, or for the solicitation of business.

Library sponsorship of a program does not constitute an endorsement of the content of the program. 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 the Library or off site. Any sales of products at Library programs must be approved by the Library Director.

Library staff who present programs do so as part of their regular job responsibilities and are not hired as outside contractors for programming.

Responsibility

Library staff may accept suggestions for programs, but program topics and selection are at the discretion of Library staff, the Library Director and the Township Board of Trustees.

Questions and Concerns

The Library welcomes comments from patrons concerning programming. Questions or concerns should first be addressed with a Library staff member. Patrons who wish to continue their request for review may submit a Request for Reconsideration form, which can be obtained at the Library or on the Library's website. Requests for review of library programs will be considered in the same manner as requests for reconsideration of materials, as outlined in the Materials Selection Policy.

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