

PROGRAMMING POLICY

The Merrimack Public Library will program events and classes designed to build a strong, literate community, inspire lifelong learning, and improve the quality of life in Merrimack. These programs may often be presented in cooperation with other agencies, organizations, and institutions, including the Friends of the Library, as well as other public and private resources. These activities may be held at the library, virtually, or at another location.

The Merrimack 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 and Displays as a Resource](#).

Events 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.

The library reserves the right to limit the number of registered attendants to any library program. Merrimack library cardholders will be given priority for registrations for library programs.

While most library-sponsored programs will be free and open to the public, there may occasionally be a fee to cover the cost of materials.

No individual or organization who appears at the library for public attendance is allowed to sell their product or services during their presentation or during their time at the library, with the exception of authors, musicians, performers, or other presenters who have arranged with the library staff to sell their books, CDs, or other published works, or to otherwise ask for donations, and to make information about their services available after the presentation. Information about the organization or business affiliation used by the library in the promotion of these events and classes does not constitute endorsement.

All materials to be used by a co-sponsoring body must be approved by the library before the scheduled program.

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