

Library-Initiated Programs and Displays Policy

The Flagler County Public Library (FCPL) provides library-initiated programs and displays to support the mission of the library by providing users with additional opportunities for accessing information, educational opportunities, exploring civic engagement, and to stimulate the imagination.

Programs:

- Library-initiated programs include, but are not limited to the following:
 - Lectures, exhibits, community forums, performing and visual arts, participatory workshops, technology programming, creative learning programs, wellness programs, story times, continuing education, fairs, conventions, book clubs, presentations for social, cultural, educational, or entertainment purposes.
- Library-initiated programs utilize librarian and support staff expertise for community interest, education and entertainment purposes.
- The library may participate in cooperative or joint programs with other agencies, organizations, clubs, other local government departments, educational institutions or individuals to facilitate access to information.
- Library-initiated programs may take place onsite at the library, off-site at other locations or online and may be presented by library staff, volunteers or third-party presenters.
- If a program is held off-site the library will assure that the space is accessible to all users.
- The library will actively seek to include a variety of programming options representing diversity of genres, formats, ideas and expressions with a multitude of viewpoints and cultural perspectives that reflect the diversity in the community.
- Programs will not be canceled because of the ideas or topics of the program, or the views expressed by the participants or speakers.
- Library sponsorship of a program does not constitute endorsement of the resources content or it's creator's views.
- The library creates programs for an intended age group or audience based on educational suitability and audience interest; however, restrictions on participation based solely on gender, chronological age, or educational level of users violate a person's rights as stated in the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights and will only be enforced when not doing so would adversely impact the safety of the participants or interfere with the intended purpose of the program.
- Parents and guardians may restrict their own children's access to library programs, but no person or organization can interfere in other's access and participation.
- The library will not deny access to a library-initiated program as a result of a fine or fee owed by a patron.

Displays:

- Library-initiated displays may be a creation of librarians or support staff on a variety of topics using materials in the library collection. These ideas and topics have a foundation in marketing the library's resources and creating awareness and excitement and drawing the eye of the visitors. These displays may include, but are not limited to the following:
 - Annual library related celebrations or promotional events; daily, weekly or monthly holiday or other thematic topics, health and wellness, informational, other displays to encourage literacy, create awareness and stimulate the imagination.
- The library display cases and areas are primarily to be used for library displays, or library sponsored displays, such as those of the Friends of the Library or other community partners.
- Library-initiated or library sponsored displays may utilize librarian, support staff, volunteers, or community partners expertise for community interest, education, engagement and awareness purposes.
- Library-initiated displays are to promote and increase awareness of the programs, resources and services provided to the community.
- Library-initiated displays will represent a diversity of genres, formats, ideas, viewpoints and cultural perspectives.
- Library staff will not remove, or censor displays because someone does not agree with the content.
- Library sponsorship of a display by an outside organization, or club does not constitute an endorsement by the library or Flagler County, of its content or views expressed, any more than the purchase of resources for the library collection or curation of a display constitutes an endorsement of the resources content or its creator's views.

Concerns, questions or complaints about library-initiated programs and displays are handled according to the same written policy and procedures that govern reconsiderations of library materials. If a customer would like to challenge a library-initiated or library sponsored program or display, they may do so by completing a Citizen's Request for Reconsideration of a Library-Initiated Program or Display, available at the Research Desk. All inquiries are taken seriously and will be carefully reviewed. For more information, please refer to the Complaint Process for Customers, located on the library website or by inquiring at the Research Desk.