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Programming

The Library offers access to a variety of programs that provide and promote opportunities for lifelong learning. These programs are designed to complement other library services, highlighting collections enhancing knowledge of services and increasing awareness of the Library as a cultural and informational centre.

Programs are developed for people of all ages and cultural interests.

- programs will be delivered by staff, invited speakers, or in co-sponsorship with community groups;
- programs may be delivered within a Library building or, as part of outreach initiatives or partnerships, in other suitable locations within the community;
- programs will be designed to meet the needs and interests of the community;
- each branch will tailor programs to meet the specific needs of the community it serves;
- all programs will be promoted to create awareness of their availability in the community;
- an evaluation process will be used to determine the effectiveness of a program;
- programs will be selected by staff. The public is encouraged to suggest topics for future programming or changes to existing programs. These suggestions will be considered in light of the programming criteria, library resources, and funding; and
- the Board shall conduct periodic audits of programs to ensure that they meet community needs.

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.

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