

Flint Public Library Program Policy

Flint Public Library offers a variety of diverse Library Programs for public attendance that aim to meet the informational, cultural, or recreational needs and interests of the Middleton community; Library Programs also support, promote, and complement the Library's collections, all of which have been purchased under the aegis of the Trustee-approved Policy #14: Collection Development Policy. Library Programs are inclusive and reflect the mission of the Library and the ever-changing demographics, diversity, needs, interests, and demands of the community of Middleton.

Library Programs do not imply Library or Town sponsorship or endorsement, nor does the absence of particular Library Programs reflect non-endorsement.

The following criteria are used in making decisions about programs, topics, speakers, and accompanying resources:

- Policy #14: Collection Development.
- Budget costs, staffing availability and requirements, and consideration of the balance of current programs offered.
- Relevance and appropriateness of the Library's mission and needs of Library patrons.
- Potential to promote, supplement, and encourage the use of the Library collections and resources.
- All programs are open to the public, and decisions at an event concerning audience, registration, late arrival or walk-ins will be made by the Library staff supervising the event.
- Some programs require registration. We request that patrons notify the Library as early as possible if they are unable to attend in order to allow other people to register. Repeated disregard of this protocol may result in a temporary hold from online registration, based on review by the Library Director.

Programs are not used for commercial, religious, political, partisan reasons, or the solicitation of business.

Individuals or groups that reserved space in the Library for meetings or gatherings not co-hosted by the Library are responsible for following the guidelines of Policy #10: Public Meeting Room Use.

Flint Public Library programs may be designed for, or limited to, a specific audience, age, or grade level. Programs are made on the basis of the principles stated in this policy. Middleton residents wishing to challenge a specific program must complete a Program Reconsideration Form. Challenges from Middleton residents only will be considered. The inquiry will be placed on the agenda of the next regular meeting of the Flint Public Library Board of Trustees. Their decision will be final.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF A LIBRARY PROGRAM

Name of Program: _____

Date and Time of Program: _____

Request Initiated By:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Do You Represent:

Yourself ___ An Organization (Name of Organization) _____

Other Group (Name of Group) _____

To help the Trustees evaluate your concerns, please use the following questions to express your thoughts:

1. To what in the program do you object? (Please be specific.)

2. Did you attend/view the program? (Please circle one) Yes / No / NA

3. Is your objection to this program based upon personal exposure to it, upon reports you have heard, or both?

Signature _____ Date _____

Programming Policy #32 FOR STAFF USE: ACTION TAKEN

Date _____

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