

South Sioux City Library Programming Policy

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“The South Sioux City Public Library is an innovative and responsive community center that supports cultural programming, lifelong learning, literacy, and open access to the world of information and ideas, with a staff committed to excellence and personal service.” The South Sioux City Public Library will provide programming to further the library’s mission of promoting an educated citizenry and enriching personal lives.

Programming is provided to appeal to citizens of all ages but individual programs may be designed for a specific audience based on age. Programs targeting a specific age group will be promoted as such.

Library-initiated programs will provide for the “interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community the library serves” as outlined in the American Library Association’s Library Bill of Rights. In addition, library programming shall not exclude topics or speakers because they may be controversial. Acceptance of a program does not constitute endorsement by the library of the individual presenter’s policies or beliefs.

The South Sioux City Public Library may provide off-site outreach programming to insure equity of access and service to all patrons. These programs include storytime events at local events, Cardinal Festival Days Drive-In Movie, classroom instruction or presentations to community groups or organizations for the purpose of providing or promoting library services.

Most programming will be generated internally by library staff and volunteers using library resources. The library will also incorporate cooperative programming with other agencies, organizations, and educational institutions capitalizing on existing knowledge and expertise. When grant-sponsored programs are held, rules of the grant will be followed. Library program presenters who are affiliates of commercial enterprises may provide general knowledge without direct promotion of a business enterprise resulting in potential profit.

No fees will be charged to people attending library programs except with the approval of the library director. If there are admission fees, they will be posted in advance. Fees could be collected to cover the cost of items that the participants will take home at the end of the program. The only items that may be sold to the public are items that are specified in the library sales policy.

The South Sioux City Public Library promotes its programming through local media including the Dakota County Star and the Sioux City Journal, local television stations and local cable channel, through posters and bookmarks, Facebook, Twitter, the Library online-newsletter and the city newsletter.

Library programs or classes may be cancelled for several reasons including cases of severe weather or presenter conflict.

All library programs are open to the general public.

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