

## **PROGRAMS, DISPLAYS AND EXHIBITS POLICY**

### **BCPL MISSION**

Discover, explore, experience a lifetime of learning at Boone County Public Library.

### **PURPOSE**

BCPL offers quality programs, displays and exhibits for all ages guided by the Mission Statement and the Strategic Plan.

### **RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROGRAMMING**

The library Board of Trustees is responsible for approving the Programs, Displays and Exhibit Policy. The Board delegates responsibility for selection of programs, displays, and exhibits to the professionally trained personnel employed by the library.

### **ACCESS**

BCPL programs, displays, and exhibits is open to all residents of Boone County. Responsibility for monitoring attendance of programs or viewing of displays or exhibits by minors, rests with their individual parents and/or legal guardians.

### **STATEMENT OF POLICY**

BCPL strives to provide programs, displays, and exhibits to people of all ages and interests throughout the year. Programs, displays, and exhibits promote library services, literacy, the use of the collection, and meets the educational, recreational, and life-long learning needs of our customers. Additionally, we offer events, activities, displays, and exhibits that support 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills.

### **SCOPE OF PROGRAMMING AND EXHIBITS**

The scope of programs, displays, and exhibits is as broad as possible to allow for the maximum possibility of free expression and free access to ideas. Programs, displays, and exhibits focuses on the general customer, taking into account that individuals vary greatly in education and personal interest. It also takes into consideration specific group needs, as identified by the library, within our community, including but not limited to retired and early childhood customers.

Library programs, displays, and exhibits covers a variety of topics:

- Programs/Displays/Exhibits which document and illuminate the past.
- Programs/Displays/Exhibits representing various points of view, including resources which reflect current conditions, trends and controversies.
- Programs/Displays/Exhibits designed to increase an individual's ability to function effectively as a productive member of society.
- Programs/Displays/Exhibits which provide a meaningful aesthetic experience, stimulate the imagination, and increase an individual's potential for creativity.
- Programs/Displays/Exhibits which enhance an individual's enjoyment of life.

Boone County Public Library does not promote particular beliefs or views. A program, display, or exhibit does not express or imply endorsement of the presenter, but is an expression of the library's adherence to the principles of intellectual freedom. The Library does not discriminate against race, color, handicap, nationality, religion, sex or any other characteristics protected by the law.

Programs, displays, and exhibits are open to the public, must offer a value to the community ([support a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skill as defined by the Institute of Museum and Library Services](#)), and are usually free, although occasionally a minimal fee is attached to a program depending on the presenter. Most presenters are experts on the topic, but shall not use a program to solicit business. The Library is not liable for the content of a program, display, or exhibit presented by a third party.

Programs, displays and exhibits will be published on the Library website and other forms of publicity. Marketing of programs, displays and exhibits will be handled by the Library's Public Relations Department. Registration is required for some programs to secure space and to plan accordingly. Limits may be put on registration to ensure the best experience for attendees.

The public is welcomed and encouraged to recommend a program by filling out the "Recommend a Program" form on BCPL's website. Recommendations fall under the same criteria as do programs organized by library staff. For this reason, not every recommended program will be carried out.

Boone County residents with a current BCPL card in good standing may request that a program, display or exhibit be reviewed. To be reviewed, a *Statement of Concern* form must be submitted. The request will be reviewed by the Library Executive Director and selected staff guided by the Library's mission statement and the criteria of this policy. The Library program, exhibit or display will not be canceled, nor be restricted in any way, before final action is taken on the complaint. A written response will be made by the Executive Director.

## Statement of Concern

Title of program, display or exhibit \_\_\_\_\_

Location Main Scheben Hebron Florence Walton Chapin Outreach Virtual

Request initiated by (name) \_\_\_\_\_

Library Card Number (Must have a library card to submit) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address Street/City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Do you represent Yourself \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

What specifically causes you concern about this program, display or exhibit?

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Did you attend this program or view this display or exhibit in its entirety? Yes No

What do you think would be the result of a customer attending this program or viewing this material?

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Are there any positive aspects to this program, display, or exhibit?

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What would you say the theme or purpose of the program, display, or exhibit is? Did it meet that purpose in your opinion?

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Is there a program, display, or exhibit you would recommend in place of this material?

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What specific action would you recommend to library leadership?

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_