

PROGRAMMING, EXHIBITS, AND DISPLAY POLICY

BCPL MISSION

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

PURPOSE

BCPL offers quality programs, exhibits, and displays 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 Programming, Exhibits, and Display Policy.

The Board delegates responsibility for selection of library programming, displays, and exhibits to the professionally trained personnel employed by the library.

ACCESS TO PROGRAMMING AND EXHIBITS

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

STATEMENT OF POLICY

BCPL strives to provide programs, displays, and exhibits to people of all ages and interests throughout the year. Library 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 21st Century Skills.

SCOPE OF PROGRAMMING AND EXHIBITS

The scope of programming, displays, and exhibits is as broad as possible to allow for the maximum possibility of free expression and free access to ideas. Library programming, 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-- for example, retired and early childhood customers.

Library programming, 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.

Library programs, displays, and exhibits are open to the public, must offer a value to the community ([support a 21st Century Skill as defined by the Institute of Museum and Library Services](#)), and are usually free, although occasionally a minimal fee is attached 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/Exhibits will be published on the Library website and other forms of publicity. Marketing of Programs/Displays/Exhibits will be handled by the Library's Public Relations Department. Registration is required for most 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 Library program/display/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/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/exhibit _____

Location Main Scheben Hebron Florence Walton Chapin Outreach Virtual

Request initiated by (name) _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Address Street/City/Zip _____

Do you represent Yourself Organization _____

What specifically causes you concern about this program/display/exhibit

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 viewing this material or attending this program?

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

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

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

What specific action would you recommend to library leadership?

Signature _____

Date _____