

Pine River Public Library District

Program and Partner Policy

Programs

In alignment with its mission of “connecting people to possibilities,” the Pine River Library (PRL) offers a wide variety of programs for all ages. Programming is an integral component of library service that:

- Expands the library's role as a social connector
- Introduces patrons and non-users to library and community resources
- Creates opportunities for individuals to collaborate, innovate, inspire one another, and generate content
- Provides opportunities for lifelong learning and literacy
- Expands visibility and fosters community understanding of the library
- Reflects and responds to our diverse community

Ultimate responsibility for Library programming rests with the Director, who administers under the authority of the Board of Trustees. The Director, in turn, delegates program management to library staff. The following criteria are used in making decisions about program topics:

- Consistent with the Library's mission, goals, and objectives
- Demonstrated and emerging interests of Library users and the community
- Availability elsewhere
- Availability of staff, space, budget, and other resources

Programs at the Pine River Library serve the popular, recreational, informational, and social needs of the general public and reflect equitable outreach and engagement to a diverse community while promoting a culture of inclusion.

Inherent in the program philosophy is an appreciation for each resident of the Pine River Library District. The library provides programs to support each individual's journey and does not place a value on one person's needs or preferences over another's. The library upholds the right of the individual to access information, even though the content may be controversial, unorthodox, or unacceptable to others. The Pine River Library supports free and open access to information and ideas as stated in the Library Bill of Rights and the Freedom to View policies of the American Library Association (refer to E-3, Library Bill of Rights and E-5, Freedom to View). Library presentation of a program does not constitute an endorsement by the Library or Board of Trustees of the content

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of the program or the views expressed by participants, any more than the purchase of material for the Library collection constitutes an endorsement of the contents of the material or the views of its creator.

Community members can reserve a meeting room for the purpose of presenting their own programs. PRL does not sponsor these community programs, nor does the Library provide marketing or promotional assistance for community-hosted programs.

The library reserves the right to not schedule a program and/or cancel a scheduled program. Programs may be canceled due to weather, low registration, or absence of the presenter. Canceled programs are not necessarily rescheduled.

Pine River Library opens all programs to the general public; however, PRL will limit some programs to age specific audiences. PRL will include age specifications in program publicity efforts if this is the case.

Appeals to this policy or reconsideration of a program may be submitted via the Request for Reconsideration of a Library Program form, which is available at the library.

Partnerships:

Collaborative partnerships between public libraries and other entities provide a means to pool resources and advance the Library's mission. To this end, Pine River Library seeks and encourages partnerships with public and private agencies and organizations in order to enhance existing services, introduce new services, increase the visibility of the Library in the community and reach new audiences. Only partners deemed compatible with the mission, goals, and policies of the Library will be considered. Collaborative partnerships are subject to the approval of the Director.

Exceptions to this policy may be made with approval by the Library Director.

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