

Dunbarton Public Library

Programming Policy

The Dunbarton Public Library offers programs intended to support the library's mission to serve the informational, educational, cultural and recreational needs of the community. The Dunbarton Public Library strives to offer a variety of programs both in person and virtually for all ages that reflect the community's interests, encourage library usage, promote our materials, and to extend library service to the community. Programs are a means through which the public can share experiences, appreciate special interests and exchange information. At times the library may collaborate on programs not developed by the library that are educational and support the library's mission.

All programs will be open to the general public and offered free of charge. Some programs may be designed with specific audiences in mind, such as children's programs and story time. Programs targeted toward specific audiences will be publicized as such. Every attempt will be made to accommodate all who wish to attend a program. We are able to utilize several venues, in-person and virtual, however when safety, cost, or the success of a program requires it, attendance may be limited. When limits must be established, preference will be given to residents of Dunbarton on a first come, first served basis, either with an advance registration, or at the door. If local citizens are not crowded out, and there is space, we will welcome all interested attendees.

Library sponsored programs will be at the discretion of the Library Director and the Board of Trustees. Library sponsorship of a program does not constitute or imply an endorsement of its policies, beliefs or program by any library staff or Board of Trustees.

Program presenters will be selected from local and regional talent in order to prepare a program schedule that reflects the diversity of the town and the world. Requests from individuals to present programs, including author readings and signings are considered and weighed against the public's demonstrated interest in the topic, budget, as well as the presenter's demonstrated qualifications, expertise and reputation. Decisions on which programs to offer are made by the Library Director and the Board of Trustees. The library may draw upon other community resources on developing programs, and actively partner with other community agencies, departments or educational or cultural institutions to develop and present co-sponsored programs.

The library does not offer programs of a purely commercial nature.

The library does not offer programs that support or oppose any political candidate or ballot measure. The library does not offer programs that support or oppose a specific religious conviction. Holiday programs may be offered. Programs advocating discrimination on the basis of sex, race, religion or age cannot be held at the library.

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