

Hawkins Memorial Library

Library Programming Policy

Hawkins Memorial Library will provide programming to further its mission of promoting services for information, continuing education, and recreation. These programs are provided to help meet the educational, informational, cultural, and recreational needs of the residents of the Community of La Porte City and the surrounding area.

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. All library programs are open to the general public.

While programming will be generated internally by library staff 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, dictates and 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. 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. 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. The library's philosophy of open access to information and ideas extends to library programming, and the library does not knowingly discriminate through its programming.

Hawkins Memorial Library may promote its programming opportunities through local media including newsletters, area newspapers, posters and bookmarks, Facebook postings, and the library web page.

No fees will be charged to people attending library programs except with the approval of the library director. The only items that may be sold to the public are books, recordings, or works of art created by presenters. The performer or his/her associate must handle the sale of these items.

Hawkins Memorial Library welcomes individual and corporate support and community partnerships in the form of monetary donations to Hawkins Memorial Library, programming initiative, as well as, donations of serving supplies and refreshments. If refreshments are provided, logo cups/napkins may be used if donated by a business.

Hawkins Memorial Library will provide off-site out-reach programming to insure equity of access and service to all patrons. These programs could include Story Time or Summer Reading events, or presentations to community groups or organizations for the purpose of providing or promoting library services.

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

Hawkins Memorial Library is handicapped accessible.

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