



## **BASALT REGIONAL LIBRARY DISTRICT PROGRAM POLICY**

It is the policy of the Basalt Regional Library District (BRLD) to develop and present programs that provide information, learning, and entertainment. BRLD may create and offer programs by staff or with community partners or presenters. BRLD 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 (ALA). Library patrons have widely diverse and separate interests, backgrounds, cultural heritages, social values, and informational needs.

### **STAFF RESPONSIBILITY:**

- To plan, implement, and evaluate programs according to design and selection criteria below, as well as criteria defined in the BRLD Strategic Plan,
- To provide programs to support each individual's journey and does not place a value on one individual's needs or preferences over another's, and
- To uphold the right of the individual to access information, even though the content may be controversial, unorthodox or unacceptable to others.

### **PROGRAM DESIGN:**

Programming is an integral component of library service that:

- Expands the Library's role as a community resource,
- Introduces community members to the Library and other community resources,
- Fosters lifelong learning, promotes cultural enrichment, and supports education,
- Expands the visibility of the Library, and
- Provides entertainment and recreation.

### **PROGRAM SELECTION:**

Presenters will be chosen from local, regional, and national talent. Both solicited and unsolicited offers from individuals or organizations to present programs will be evaluated by the same standards. Library staff uses many criteria in making decisions about program topics, speakers, and accompanying resources, including:

- Advancing the library's mission, vision, and guiding principles,
- Service area demographics,
- Strategic Plan alignment,
- Community needs and interests,
- Presentation quality,
- Presenter background/qualifications in content area,
- Current demand and attendance,
- Accuracy and timeliness of program content,
- Availability elsewhere,
- Continuous evaluation to maintain programming vitality and usefulness to the community, and
- Cost and budget considerations.

### **PATRON RESPONSIBILITY:**

- Each patron has the right to decide which programs are appropriate for their personal attendance.
- Patrons may not act in a way to limit access to library programs and services by other patrons.

- Any act to exercise censorship and/or to restrict the freedom of others to attend library programs may result in loss of library privileges.
- Only parents and guardians have the right and the responsibility to determine their minor children's — and only their children's — access to library programs.
- Patrons may make comments and suggestions on library programs. Suggestions are considered based on guidelines established in the Materials Collection Policy, Program Policy, Display Policy, Meeting Spaces Policy, and Study Room Policy.
- An individual requesting reconsideration of any library resources must complete, sign, and submit to the Executive Director a Request for Reconsideration form.

**DISCLAIMERS:**

- BRLD reserves the right to not schedule a program and/or cancel a scheduled program,
- Programs may be canceled due to staffing challenges, weather, low registration, absence of the presenter, or for any other reason. Canceled programs are not necessarily rescheduled,
- The library does not offer programs that are purely commercial or religious in nature, and
- Library sponsorship of a program does not constitute an endorsement of the content of the program or the views expressed by presenters or participants.

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION:**

Any resident of the Roaring Fork Valley has the right to request reconsideration of any portion of this Program Policy or how BRLD implements this policy. Appeals to this policy or reconsideration of its implementation may be submitted via the Request for Reconsideration form.