

## **Programming Services**

Programs are an integral aspect of library service. Programming furthers the mission of the Noble County Public Library (Library) by providing education and entertainment while also offering social engagement opportunities and highlighting the collections and services of the library. All Library-sponsored programs, both on-site and off-site, are administered under this policy. Programming practices adhere to the Americans with Disabilities Act and the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights. Grant-sponsored programs are provided according to the parameters of the grant.

**Library Programs:** Programs are chosen and planned by staff for their relevance to community needs or interest. Presenters are chosen for their proven or unique expertise and public performance experience. Presenters will not be excluded from consideration because of their origin, background, or views, or because of possible controversy. However, acceptance of a program or topic by the Library does not constitute an endorsement of the group's or individual's policies or beliefs. The Library is not obligated to represent multiple and/or opposing viewpoints within any one program or series. Programs are held at all Library facilities. The amount and nature of programs at each of the Library facilities is based upon a number of factors which include: demand and attendance; number of staff members available to conduct programs; size and capacity of meeting and program rooms; available equipment; amount of available parking; and the Library's annual budget. While the Library accepts program suggestions from the public, it is up to Library staff to determine which programs will be provided. The Library is not required to accept all suggestions or work with all groups who wish to partner on programs. The Executive Director (Director) reserves the right to make final decisions regarding programs.

**Participation:** a Library card is not required to participate in or attend Library programs. However, if space or attendance is limited, programs may require advance registration and the Library reserves the right to give preference to Library card holders in such cases. Library programs are open to all, except when there is an age limitation due to the intended audience of the program. Program participants are expected to follow the Library's Patron Rules of Conduct at all times. If a participant fails to follow conduct policy, they may be asked to leave the program or Library.

**Library Outreach and Partner Programs:** The Library makes every effort to engage with the community to share resources and services and bring awareness to what the Library offers. The Library will partner with other libraries, schools, or organizations to bring programs or events out into the community when staffing and funding allows. The Library also strives to meet the needs of patrons who may not be able to physically attend the Library. Alternate forms of service to include homebound services and services to senior centers or nursing homes will be coordinated where possible.