



Round Lake Area Public Library
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Round Lake, IL 60073
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Programming Policy

Programming is an extension of services provided by the Round Lake Area Library and is vital in meeting the cultural, recreational, and informational needs of the community. Programs are defined as planned activities or events that may be developed and presented by library staff or may be cosponsored by the library and other community organizations. Programs are offered for patrons of all ages, race, religion, national origin, age, gender, or views. Library programs are open to the public without admission charge; however, there may be an occasional fee for materials.

The library provides programs representing a broad spectrum of human thought and experience covering diverse points of view. The library does not advocate endorse, or indicate approval of any specific historical, political, or social perspective of events or ideas, or represented viewpoints.

Participation in/attendance at library programs is an individual choice. The Board of Trustees recognizes that while individuals are free to reject for themselves and for their children's programs of which they do not approve, they cannot restrict the freedom of others to participate, listen, and view within any guideline set forth by the library. Responsibility for the attendance at programs by children and adolescents rests with their parents or legal guardians. The library subscribes to the provisions of the following documents as adopted by the American Library Association (referenced at end of policy):

Library Bill of Rights
Freedom to View Statement
Freedom to Read Statement
Free Access to Libraries for Minors

Programming should be as varied as the interests of the community. The following criteria will be considered, in no particular order, when planning programs:

- The library's overall philosophy and objectives
- Content appropriate to the audience
- Consideration is given to popular culture, trends, and current issues
- Other programs available in the community
- Appropriate community resources
- Limitations of available space, time, budget, and staffing

Reports of programs, including content, attendance statistics, and evaluation will be kept to determine the impact of the program on the audience, to help in preparing budgets, and to aid in future planning.

Library programs are generally open to anyone wishing to attend. For certain high demand and small capacity programs, registration will be limited to RLAPL cardholders.



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Provisions of the American Library Association Relevant to this policy:

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<http://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/librarybill>

Freedom to Read:

<http://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/freedomreadstatement>

Freedom to View:

<http://www.ala.org/rt/vrt/professionalresources/vrtresources/freedomtoview>

Access to Library Resources and Services for Minors:

<https://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/librarybill/interpretations/minors>

Media Access Policy:

<https://www.ralibrary.org/index.php/about/more-information?id=150>

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