

## **PROGRAMMING POLICY**

Roseburg Public Library develops and presents programs that provide opportunities for information, learning, and entertainment. Programs are designed to:

- Promote the communication of ideas and information to people of all ages.
- Promote interest in reading and learning.
- Stimulate interest in and use of the library.
- Create a better informed community.
- Promote an awareness of contemporary issues.
- Connect programs with library resources and services.
- Attract nonusers to the library.
- Foster positive relationships throughout the community.

Library-sponsored programs take advantage of library staff expertise, collections, services, and facilities to increase access to lifelong learning opportunities and resources. Program topics, speakers, and resource materials are selected based on the interests and information needs of the community while seeking to avoid duplication of programming from other providers in the community. The library may participate in cooperative or joint programs with other agencies, organizations, institutions, or individuals.

Topics, speakers, and resource materials are not excluded because of possible controversy. Library sponsorship of a program does not constitute an endorsement of the content of the program or the views expressed by the participants.

Concerns about library-sponsored programs should be directed to the Library Director. Patrons also may complete the written form Request for Reconsideration. The Library Director will review the request, discuss it with the requester, and provide a written decision.

A patron shall have the right to appeal the Library Director's written decision to the City Manager. A written appeal must be filed within fifteen (15) days after the date of notification by the Library Director. The written appeal filed with the City Manager must state the basis for the appeal. The program in question will remain on the schedule pending the City Manager's written decision.

Unless the appellant and City agree to a longer period of time, an appeal shall be heard by the City Manager within thirty (30) days of receipt of the written appeal. The City Manager shall give the appellant and any other persons requesting the same, at least ten (10) days' notice of the time and place of such hearing.

At the time and place set for the hearing upon the appeal from the action of the Library Director, the City Manager shall give the appellant and any other interested party a reasonable opportunity to be heard. The City Manager shall hear and determine the appeal on the basis of the applicant's written appeal statement and any additional evidence the City Manager deems appropriate. At the hearing, the appellant may

present testimony and oral argument personally or by counsel. The rules of evidence as used by courts of law do not apply. In all such cases, the burden of proof shall be upon the appellant.

The City Manager shall uphold, or modify and uphold, the Library Director's action, or reverse the Library Director's action and render a new decision in the matter. The decision of the City Manager shall be issued within ten (10) days of the hearing and shall be in writing and contain findings of fact and a determination of the issues presented. The decision of the City Manager shall be final.

Library-sponsored programs are offered free of charge. They are open to all, although some may be directed toward specific target audiences. Registration may be required for planning or space purposes. Programs may be held at the library or in the community.