

Programming Policy

Effective Date: November 19, 2025

The Sharon Public Library Programming policy is a guideline for programming and events offered by the Library, Friends of the Library, and any other Library sponsored group. Programming is selected with the age of the participant in mind, community information needs, long-range planning goals, the Library's Mission and Vision Statements, and patron interest.

Programming shall provide diverse viewpoints for any topic that could be considered political or has opposing points of view. The Sharon Public Library does not endorse the views of any program that is held in the library. In making programming decisions, political neutrality, attendance restrictions, presenter's expertise and qualifications, age appropriateness, budgetary limitations, space allotment, and staffing will be considered. Programs may come to the attention of the Library by outside groups or by internal planning. Programs that promote the use of Library collections, popular appeal, and relevance to Sharon Community events are prioritized.

The Sharon Public Library does not act as a censor and serves to provide a forum for information and ideas. Sponsorship by the Library or Library groups does not imply an endorsement of the content or of the participants' views.

Programs are free and open to the public, with the exception of age restrictions, limitations of space, or presenter requests.

Programs are not to be used for soliciting business, advertising, or promoting political or partisan causes, although exceptions for authorized sales (such as books by authors speaking) may be made.

Cancellations: Programs may be canceled due to inclement weather, emergency, unanticipated Library closure, or presenter absence. The Library will notify the public as soon as possible via the Library's website Event Calendar and, where applicable, via email to registered program attendees.