

The Etna Library

Programming & Partnership Policy

The Etna Library strives to present programs to the community that provide opportunities for information, learning, and entertainment.

Programming is an integral component of library service that:

- Expands the library's role as a community resource
- Provides opportunities for lifelong learning
- Introduces people to library resources
- Provides entertainment
- Expands the visibility of the library
- Encourages participation in civic life

Ultimate responsibility for programming at the Etna Library rests with the Library Director, who administers under the authority of the Board of Trustees. The library's staff use the following criteria in making decisions about program topics, speakers, and accompanying resources:

- Alignment with library mission, vision, values and strategic goals
- Community needs and interests
- Availability of program space
- Treatment of content for intended audience
- Presentation quality
- Presenter background/qualifications in content area
- Budget
- Historical or educational significance
- Connection to other community programs, exhibitions or events
- Relation to library collections, resources, exhibits and programs

In addition, the Etna Library draws upon other community resources in developing programs and actively partners with other community agencies, organizations, educational and cultural institutions, or individuals to develop and present co-sponsored public programs.

Professional performers and presenters that reflect specialized or unique expertise may be hired for library programs; performers and presenters will not be excluded from consideration because of their origin, background, or views, or because of possible controversy.

All library programs are open to the public. The Etna Library's philosophy of open access to information and ideas extends to library programming, and the library does not knowingly discriminate through its programming.

Etna Library sponsorship of a program does not constitute an endorsement of the content of the program or the views expressed by participants. Program topics, speakers and resources are not excluded from programs because of possible controversy.

Registration may be required for planning purposes or when space is limited. Programs may be held on site at the library building or off site through community partners and outreach. Any sales of products at library programs must be approved by the library. Programs are not used for commercial, religious, or partisan purposes or the solicitation of business.