

Programming Policy

Portage County Public Library

Policy Statement:

The Portage County Public Library provides programs to foster a love of books and reading. In addition, programs are designed to meet the educational, cultural, and recreational needs of residents in our community. The nature of programs is fluid and will change depending on the needs of the community.

Guidelines:

1. Programs are developed for a variety of age groups including babies through adults.
2. Required registration, ticketing, and special requirements for library programs vary and will be stated in the promotional materials for the program.
3. Programs and events are normally free of charge.
4. Every attempt will be made to include all who attend. However, the Library may be constricted by staffing, space, funding, supply and other restraints. Library staff reserve the right to limit the size of the audience for any program.
5. The programs are open to the general public and a PCPL library card is not required to attend. However, because children's programs are age-specific, adults who are not accompanying children may not be allowed to register or may be asked to leave the program.
6. The content of children's programs is age appropriate. Children must be the specified age or grade level by the first session of the program in order to participate.
7. All attendees, regardless of age, are expected to follow the Library's Code of Conduct during programs. If a child is repeatedly disruptive during a program, the attending parent may be asked to remove the child for the sake of other attendees.
8. Parents/caregivers of children under 8 years of age must abide by the Library's Unattended Children Policy and remain in the library building during the program.
9. Attendees may not engage in soliciting other program attendees.

Please see Library's Unattended Children Policy and Library Code of Conduct for further information.