

West Perth Public Library

Programming and Community Partnerships

Purpose

West Perth Public Library offers programs on the Library premises or elsewhere in the community to provide information, invite public discussion, encourage creativity, and promote literacy and reading. Programs expand the Library's visibility in the community and offer staff opportunities to engage community members. The Library provides programs that support its mission, values, goals and strategic priorities. Library programs are designed to:

- Promote the use of library services and collections;
- Nurture community cohesion and reduce social isolation by bringing members of the community together;
- Celebrate our history, heritage and promote cultural awareness;
- Strengthen partnerships with a wide variety of organizations;
- Attract new and unique audiences to the Library.

Responsibility

Program Development

- Programs are developed in accordance with West Perth Public Library's Programming Plan and framework;
- The Library may set age limits or other guidelines for participation in a program, such as a children's program, when the program is designed and best suited for a particular audience;
- Programs reflect community needs and interests.

Program Delivery

Programs will be offered by employees with program-related expertise or topic-specific training, or by invited speakers and experts from the community including:

- Authors and Illustrators;
- Performers;

- Staff or members of community partner agencies;
- Volunteer presenters with recognized program-related credentials.

The Library reserves the right to cancel programs as deemed necessary and will make every effort to notify the public in advance.

Community Partnerships

A Community Partnership is defined as a collaboration between the Library and an external organization. Partner contributions provide support for and/or promote activities, services, events and programs to the public in ways that are mutually beneficial.

In addition to staff-led programs, West Perth Public Library engages in community partnerships to:

- Extend and enhance Library services and programs in a sustainable way;
- Increase awareness of Library services and programs;
- Support the Municipality of West Perth and community initiatives that advance West Perth's economic, social and cultural richness.

Priority will be given to organizations and initiatives that:

- Align with the Library's core mission, organizational values and strategic priorities;
- Share common goals or objectives with the Library.

Suggestions for Programs

Library patrons are encouraged to suggest topics for future programs. These suggestions will be considered in light of the program criteria, strategic priorities and library resources.

Related Documents:

West Perth Public Library. *Strategic Plan 2020-2022*.

West Perth Public Library Policy. *Collections*.

West Perth Public Library Policy. *Intellectual Freedom*.

West Perth Public Library Policy. *Meeting Space Rentals*.

Municipality of West Perth. *Recreation and Leisure Master Plan*.

Municipality of West Perth. *Strategic Plan*.

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