



Mission

The Augusta County Library provides a welcoming gathering place with convenient access to information, experiences, and materials for the benefit of all members of the community.

Background

Augusta County Library offers programs that extend the mission and vision of the library for patrons of all ages. A wide variety of programs are offered to support the library's mission: to learn, to explore, to enjoy, to create, and to connect with each other, and their community.

Please note, Augusta County Library staff do not serve as “in loco parentis”, meaning Library staff do not act on behalf of children “in the place of a parent”. Therefore, it is the caregiver’s responsibility to determine what is appropriate for their children to interact with and is responsible for monitoring the child.

General Guidelines

- All programs are free and open to all individuals in Augusta County and surrounding areas.
- Some programs may require pre-registration and/or be advertised for specific ages and/or audiences.
- Programs are generally offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Space restrictions, resource usage, or program requirements may limit the number of people who may attend.
- Groups of 10 or more individuals must call ahead due to room capacity.
- Library-sponsored programs may be offered on or off-site at the discretion of the library.
- Program participants are expected to adhere to the [Behavioral Policy](#) and the [Safe Child Policy](#).

Presenter-led Programs

The library cooperates with and encourages other agencies, organizations, and individuals to present programs that further the library's mission. The library will select and plan programs with input from community needs and responses. The following list are examples of criteria that will be used as guidelines by library staff in making decisions about program topics, speakers, and performers:



- Community needs and interest
- Availability of space and staff
- Presentation quality
- Treatment of content for the intended audience
- Presenter background and qualifications
- Historical or educational significance
- Connections to other community programs, exhibitions or events
- Relation to library collections, resources, exhibits and programs
- Budget

Solicitation

- Presenters may not solicit business before, during, or following a program.
- Presenters may have information regarding their services and/or business in the form of handouts or business cards, however, the presentation may not be in the form of a sales pitch.
- Presenters are prohibited from requiring the purchase of goods or services as a requirement of program participation
- Performers and authors may sell copies of their published or recorded work.
- Fundraising events that directly benefit the library and are sponsored by the Friends of the Augusta County Library Foundation may be permitted.

Non-Library Sponsored Programs

Programs that are community-driven, and that are presented by any groups or individuals not associated with Augusta County Library, should not be considered evidence of the library's endorsement of the ideas expressed in those meetings and/or programs. Presentations at the library by any groups or individuals should not be considered evidence of the library's endorsement of the ideas expressed in the programs.