

HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Policy 214

Library-Sponsored Programs

Purpose: To state the scope and purpose of Library-sponsored programs.

General Policy

Library-sponsored programs, including, but not limited to speeches, community forums, discussion groups, demonstrations, displays, storytimes, and live or media presentations are planned and implemented to support the mission of the Highland Park Public Library (“Library”) by providing users with additional opportunities for information, life-long learning, and cultural enrichment directed toward the interests and informational needs of all members of the Highland Park community.

Library presentation of a program does not constitute an endorsement of the content of the program or of the views expressed by the participants. Sponsorship may include the support of the Friends of the Highland Park Public Library or other sponsors.

Programs provided by the Library are generally offered free of charge and are generally open to all interested persons. Youth programs generally include a target age group based on interest and/or developmental appropriateness. Some programs include registration to ensure adequate resources for all participants.

In planning and carrying out its programs, the Library aspires to meet the standards set forth in the Library Bill of Rights (see Library policy). The Library also recognizes that the resources available for programs are limited and the selection, planning and implementation of library programs ultimately rest in the discretion of the Library’s professional staff and the Highland Park Public Library Board of Trustees.

The Executive Director or the Assistant Director may choose to have the Library participate in cooperative or joint programs with other agencies, organizations, institutions, or individuals as part of its own effort to address information needs and to facilitate information access in the Highland Park community.

Americans with Disabilities Act

All notices and advertising for Library-sponsored programs will contain an appropriate ADA notice (such as the following):

Any person needing an accommodation for a disability in order to access the benefits of the Library’s services, programs, or activities under the Americans with

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Disabilities Act should contact a Library manager by telephone at _____, by email at _____, or in writing not less than five (5) working days prior to the program.

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