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*Fort Hunter*  
FREE LIBRARY

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**Policy Title: Programming**

**Policy Purpose:** The purpose of the Programming Policy is to ensure programs offered reflect the library's mission statement in that they seek to meet the informational and recreational needs of the community.

**Policy Statement:** All library programs shall be free and open to the public, though if necessary, a fee to cover the cost of materials may be charged. Registration is considered a "best practice" for all programs, and may be required when space or materials are limited.

Library staff shall select topics and speakers for library-initiated programs based on the interests of the community. Programs should be offered for all age groups and interests, from infancy to adulthood.

No programming shall be offered that would be considered sales or commercial, although program presenters might offer items for sale in addition to their program.

The Library shall not participate in or intervene (including publishing or distributing statements) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Religion is a legitimate focus of programming insofar as it reflects the interests of the community and furthers the library's mission. The purpose of such an event should be to inform, educate, and entertain rather than to proselytize or promote one set of religious beliefs over other religious beliefs. It will be important to ensure that there is no perception that the library favors one religious group over another.

**Administration: Board of Trustees**

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