



## **Duxbury Free Library Policy: Programs**

The Library is a community destination where people of all ages and backgrounds can gather for reflection, discovery, participation, and growth. The Library recognizes the need to provide quality programs in keeping with this vision and the goals of its long-range plan. Library-initiated programs support the mission of the library by providing users with additional opportunities for information, education, and recreation as well as cultural, literary, and civic engagement. (*American Library Association – Public Programs Office 2012*).

All library programs will meet at least one of these criteria to ensure quality:

- Expands the Library's role as a community resource.
- Introduces patrons and non-users to Library resources.
- Provides entertainment or enrichment.
- Promotes literacy and an appreciation of books and reading.
- Provides opportunities for lifelong learning.
- Encourages community support and involvement.

Appropriate funding will be allocated each year for programs. Programs are designed and implemented by Library staff; programs, performers, and presenters are selected and overseen by Library staff.

Programs are free to the public and are handicapped accessible. The Library Director has the discretion to ask for contributions for refreshments. Authors and any Library programming partner may sell their books or materials with approval of the Library Director or their designee.

*This policy will be reviewed annually by the Board of Library Trustees and ratified or amended at that time.*

*Adopted: Library Board of Trustees, 1/8/2003*

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