

## Jackson City Library Programming Policy

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### PROGRAMMING

The Jackson City Library will provide programs of widespread community interest and a consistent level of quality. Programs are a logical extension of the library's efforts to provide informational, educational, and recreational materials to individual patrons. Programs can be used to introduce new people to the library, to showcase library services, and to use the library as a vehicle for other community groups or agencies to reach the public.

The library is the one agency in the county whose primary purpose is that of serving the public's need for information. As such, it is incumbent upon the library to make effective use of various information formats. Programs such as storytelling, discussions, films, workshops, performances, etc. offer library staff the potential to reach more people at one time and to use the most appropriate format.

#### Criteria for Programming:

1. Programs should reflect community interests-either of specific target groups or the community as a whole.
2. Programs may provide information not otherwise available, or available in forms not readily accessible to a group.
3. Reasonable attempts should be made to showcase the library as a continuing education resource center for further exploration of issues.
4. Programs dealing with public issues should seek objectivity and balance. This may be accomplished within a program or through a series of programs.
5. When considering a program topic, consideration will be given whether materials would be necessary to purchase for the library in this subject area. If so, the program is necessary and the topic a legitimate one.

To increase programming capability, the library will use volunteers, and will co-sponsor programs with other agencies.

All programs under the sponsorship of the library are open to the public with no admission charge.