

### 03.07.01-1 Library Programs and Events

PCCLD offers a wide variety of programs and events for all age groups to enhance the library experience, provide **free and open access** to information ~~to the community~~, and further the library's mission.

A program sponsored by PCCLD is an event in which employees are involved in the planning, implementation, and/or evaluation, regardless of locale or time commitment. Library programs are considered a core service and are designed to support the overall mission of the library.

All library programs and events are open to the public and must respect PCCLD's commitment to intellectual freedom. **Programs provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues.** Library materials, programs and resources are provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community.

In planning programs, PCCLD staff seek to ensure that the library's mission to offer free and open access to information from around the world is met. The following are among the most important general criteria in making decisions around program topics, speakers, and accompanying resources:

- Relation to library mission, annual and strategic goals, collections, resources, exhibits, and programs.
- Community needs and interests
- Availability of program space
- Treatment of content for intended audiences
- Presentation quality
- Presenter background/qualifications/authority in content area
- Budget and staffing resources
- Historical or educational significance
- Connection to other community programs, exhibitions or events
- Intended experiences for targeted audiences
- Intent to foster creativity, ingenuity, and entrepreneurship

Fees will not be charged for library programs or events except at the discretion of PCCLD's Executive Director or their designee.

PCCLD may co-sponsor programs and events with other agencies or may participate as a co-sponsor in programs as approved by the Executive Director or their designee. PCCLD sponsorship of a program or event does not constitute an endorsement of the content of the program or event or the views expressed by participants.

PCCLD also provides space for programs that are initiated by the public and held in the library's meeting rooms. Use of the meeting rooms is covered under the "Meeting Room Use" policy, and procedures for meeting room use are established by PCCLD's Executive Director or their designee.

### **03.07.01-2 Requests for Reconsideration of Programs**

The library welcomes expressions of opinion from customers concerning programming. Customer comments about library programs may be shared with staff directly, using the customer comment form or through the library's AskUs service.

Individuals may disagree with program content that does not support their own views or values on a subject or that are not compatible with their beliefs. Library staff is available to identify alternate programs that may be available. A formal, written request for reconsideration of programs may be submitted to the Executive Director. These forms are available at each location and will be considered in the same manner as requests for reconsideration of library materials.

PCCLD is not a judicial body. Laws governing obscenity, subversive content and other questionable matters are subject to interpretation by the courts. Therefore, no challenged program will be cancelled based solely on a complaint of obscenity or any other category covered by law unless a local court of competent jurisdiction has entered an order requiring it to be cancelled. No program will be knowingly offered that has previously been determined to be in noncompliance with the law.

The Executive Director and other library staff consider each formal request in terms of the criteria outlined in PCCLD's Program Selection Policy, principles of the ALA Library Bill of Rights and related statements, and other appropriate sources. The Executive Director will respond in a timely manner in writing to a customer's request for reconsideration. The response will indicate the action to be taken and reasons for or against the request. A program will be evaluated for reconsideration only once in a 12-month period.