**PROGRAM POLICY**

The Sullivan County Public Library develops, implements, and sponsors programs designed to meet the educational, informational, and recreational needs and interests of the community. In the development of programming for its patrons, the Library covers subjects and topics that represent the broad range of human experience, reflecting ethnic, religious, racial, and socio-economic diversity.

All Library programs are examined under the following criteria:

1. Programs are developed for people of all ages.
2. Programs and events are normally free of charge, however registration prior to a program or event may be required for certain programs. A fee to cover the cost of speakers or materials may be assessed for certain programs.
3. Suggestions for proposed programming are always welcome and appreciated, though the Library reserves the right to determine which programs will receive final approval.
4. The Library seeks to form partnerships with various community groups and institutions in the development and implementation of a variety of diverse programs.
5. By making meeting spaces available, the Library does not advocate or endorse the viewpoints of a particular group, a meeting, or ideas presented at a meeting held in its facilities.
6. Programs and events sponsored by the Library are open for attendance by all individuals without regard to residency.
7. Programs may be conducted at all locations and – based on the nature of a program – may also be conducted at a location other than a library.
8. Parental involvement, participation, and attendance are encouraged at all young peoples’ events and programs.
9. The Library handles concerns, questions, and/or complaints about programs according to the same written policies and procedures that govern reconsideration of other Library resources and materials.