6.28 Programming

The Pend Oreille County Library District supports its mission by developing and presenting programs that provide additional opportunities for information, learning, and entertainment. Programming is an integral component of library service that:

- Expands the Library's role as a community resource
- Introduces customers and non-users to Library resources
- Provides entertainment
- Provides opportunities for lifelong learning
- Expands the visibility of the library

Ultimate responsibility for programming at the Library rests with the Library Director, who administers under the authority of the Board of Trustees. The Director may delegate the authority for program management to other designated staff.

The Library's staff use the following criteria in making decisions about program topics, speakers, and accompanying resources:

- Community needs and interests
- Availability of program space
- Treatment of content for intended audience
- Presentation quality
- Presenter background/qualifications in content area
- Budget
- Relevance to community interests and issues
- Historical or educational significance
- Connection to other community programs, exhibitions or events
- Relation to Library collections, resources, exhibits and programs

In addition, the Library draws upon other community resources in developing programs and actively partners with other community agencies, organizations, educational and cultural institutions, or individuals to develop and present co-sponsored public programs. Professional performers and presenters that reflect specialized or unique expertise may be hired for Library programs; performers and presenters will not be excluded from consideration because of their origin, background, or views, or because of possible controversy. Library staff who present programs do so as part of their regular job and are not hired as outside contractors for programming.

All Library programs are open to the public. A fee may be charged for certain types of Library programs. The Library's philosophy of open access to information and ideas extends to Library programming, and the library does not knowingly discriminate through its programming. Library sponsorship of a program does not constitute an endorsement of the content of the program or the views expressed by participants, and

program topics, speakers and resources are not excluded from programs because of possible controversy.

Registration may be required for planning purposes or when space is limited. Programs may be held on site at any Library location, or off site. Any sales of products at Library programs must be approved by the Library and benefit the Library. Programs are not used for commercial, religious, or partisan purposes or the inherent solicitation of business.

If community members take issue with any Library program or event, they are welcome to complete the request for reconsideration form so that their concern may be addressed. Patrons who request the reconsideration of library displays or events must be active cardholders in good standing and will be asked to put their request in writing by completing and signing the form (cf. Appendix A) entitled "Request for Reconsideration of Display or Event".

Pend Oreille County Library District
Request for Reconsideration of Display or Event

Title: _____

This is a(n): ____event ___display

Request initiated by (your name):_____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Do you represent:
   ____ yourself
   ____ an organization (name): _____
   ____ other group (name): _____

1. What is your objection to the display or event? Please be specific and provide examples that illustrate your concern.

2. If your concern is about an event, did you attend the event in its entirety?

____yes ____no
  If not, which part did you attend?

4. For what age group would you recommend this display or event?

6. Have you read POCLD's policies pertaining to displays and/or events?

____yes ____no

7. What would you like the District to do about this display or event?

Signature _____

Date _____