



A Mesa County Libraries (MCL) “program” is a planned interactive event between MCL staff and program participants for the purpose of promoting MCL materials, facilities or services, as well as offering the community an informational, educational, entertaining or cultural experience. MCL programs can be hosted on MCL property or held offsite.

Responsibility for MCL program development is vested in the Library Director and MCL staff whose job descriptions include program responsibilities. MCL programs support MCL’s mission and strategic plan. Selection of MCL programs’ topics, speakers, courses, classes and resource material will be made by MCL staff on the basis of the interests and needs of MCL patrons and the community. Programs may include controversial content.

Select programs will be limited to age-specific audiences (i.e., children’s programs). MCL will include age specifications in program publicity efforts.

Programs are funded in part by the operating budget with additional support from MCL’s Foundation, grants, donations, or gifts, as well as partnerships. The Board, in conjunction with the Library Director, will establish a budget for programming to facilitate the effective implementation of this service.

MCL may require a contract to be executed by program presenters. Organizations or business affiliations of presenters or co-sponsoring organizations will be used by MCL in promoting programs. This promotion does not constitute endorsement. Presenters will be vetted for their professionalism, subject knowledge, presentation skills, qualifications, and relevant experience.

MCL does not offer programs of a commercial nature with the intention of soliciting future business. Presenters from businesses may be included in MCL programming if their information is of general interest. They may only offer brochures and information about their business after the program, but not during or as part of the program. MCL may permit the sale of books written by presenters or recordings by performers in conjunction with a MCL-sponsored program with advance notice to MCL.

Concerns, questions or complaints about MCL programs are handled in the same manner as other MCL resources.

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