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Section	**5: Services**
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All programming must support the Cobourg Public Library Board's Mission Statement for being *an exceptional community resource for information, exploration, inspiration and enjoyment.*

Programming provides information, invites public discussion, encourages curiosity and creativity, and promotes literacy and reading. Programming promotes the library's services and resources and is sensitive to the programming of other local agencies and organizations. This policy defines the provision of programs by Library staff and through co-sponsored or partnership activities.

The Cobourg Public Library upholds the principle of intellectual freedom embodied in the Canadian Federation of Library Associations' *Statement of Intellectual Freedom* and Libraries. Library sponsorship of a program does not constitute an endorsement of the content of the program, or the views expressed by presenters or participants. (Maybe add: See *Intellectual Freedom Policy*)

All programs redesigned to be inclusive safe spaces, providing activities that are innovative, and community driven. The Library may deliver programs that present controversial or opposing points of view. Community members are expected to respect the rights and freedoms of others when expressing concern over any specific program. All expressions of concern should be addressed, in writing, to the CEO of the Library.

The Library will:

a) Make available a wide spectrum of opinions and viewpoints
b) Select programs based on the interest and need of the community
c) Use programs to promote interest in, and the joy of, reading and literacy
d) Make programs available free of charge except for fundraising events to benefit the library
e) Limit program attendance based on safe use of space, or when demand for a program requires it
f) Make programs open to all, based on a first come, first served basis, either with advance registration or drop-in
g) Not offer programming that is purely commercial in nature or intent
h) Access the credibility of any partners involved in delivering programs
i) Regularly evaluate the planning and delivery of library programs
j) Make available a process for user feedback and expressions of opinions/concerns about programs

The Library may:

a) Offer programs for children, young adults, adults and families
b) Participate in cooperative programs with other agencies, organizations, institutions or individuals
c) Sponsor programs in the library facility or outside the library
d) Promote programs through brochures, news releases, library newsletter, library website and library social media channels
e) Allow presenters to display products or books for purchase