

Brown County Library Programming Mission

A library program is an event, workshop, or class that is presented or promoted by the Brown County Library system in order to respond to needs and interests of the diverse population of Brown County.

Programs serve as an alternative way to learn information, and they provide an opportunity for community members to connect and share knowledge and ideas. The Library utilizes staff expertise, collections, digital resources, and facilities to deliver programming. The Library also forms partnerships with a variety of organizations, agencies, businesses, performers, and other individuals to present programs.

Purpose of Library Programs

Programs expand the Library's visibility in the community and offer staff opportunities to engage the public. The Brown County Library supports its mission of advancing the community through the development and planning of programs that connect, enrich, and entertain. The Library focuses on programming that:

- Supports lifelong learning in an inclusive, respectful environment
- Provides information, education, recreation, and technology opportunities
- Enhances education for children and teens in various literacies
- Supports or showcases the Library's services, resources, or collections
- Cultivates community cohesion and reduces social isolation
- Celebrates our history and fosters appreciation for our cultural diversity
- Supports economic and workforce development
- Attracts new and unique audiences to the Library
- Appeals to a broad range of cultural, ethnic, linguistic, and economic backgrounds

Programming Guidelines

- The Library may set age or other guidelines for participation in a program, such as a children's program, when the program is designed and best suited for a particular audience. An adult caregiver may be required to accompany a child under the age of 8.
- Registration may be required when space or supplies are limited.
- The Library will work with individuals in need of special accommodations. A minimum of 24 hours advance notice is required.
- Library-planned programs are free to all customers regardless of race, religion, familial belief, gender, or political affiliation. In rare cases, programs may require participants to bring their own materials/supplies to participate.
- Through its programming and other services and resources, the Library respects the diversity of human experience and human interests. In doing so, the Library serves the entirety of Brown County and is a community place for learning and the open exchange of ideas. In the Library's provision of fair, inclusive, and equitable library services to the Brown County community, there may be library programs or resources that some individuals find objectionable. Presenting or hosting a program does not indicate an endorsement of its contents by the Brown County Library. Concerns about Library programming content should be referred to the BCL Executive Director.