



Programming

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The Calloway County Public Library sponsors informative and entertaining talks, demonstrations, audio-visual presentations, workshops, children's story times and crafts, concerts, summer reading programs, and other special events for patrons of all ages, including adults, young adults, and children. The CCPL programming department coordinates library programs. No fees may be charged to people attending library programs except with the approval of the library director.

Programs are selected by programming staff for their relevance to community needs and interests, popular appeal, and suitability for a general audience. Presenters are chosen for their proven expertise and public performance experience. Other factors considered are the availability of staff and meeting room and budget. Suggestions for proposed programming events are always welcome and appreciated.

The Calloway County Public Library seeks to form partnerships with various community groups and institutions to develop and implement various diverse programs. It may seek to co-sponsor such programs with a broad mixture of community groups or organizations. (See CCPL Partnership Policy)

By making the meeting room available for programs, the Calloway County Public Library does not advocate or endorse the viewpoints of a particular group, meeting, or idea presented at a program held in the library's facilities.

The only items that may be sold at programs are books and recordings by authors and musicians. The performer must handle the sale of these items.

Some children's programs may be restricted by age level. Registration is sometimes limited; waiting lists are taken.

Programs may be canceled for a number of reasons, chiefly severe weather, absence of the presenter, or low registration. Cancelled programs are not automatically rescheduled. CCPL story time programs will follow the Calloway County School System closings during inclement weather or hazardous road conditions. When the Calloway County School System is closed due to inclement weather and/or hazardous road conditions, storytime programs will not be held even if the library is open.



CCPL promotes library programming through fliers, news releases, the library's website, social media, and local radio and TV stations. Presenters may not publicize their programs without the approval of the library director.

CCPL does not advocate or endorse the content and viewpoints of presenters and programs.

Book Club Guidelines

The Calloway County Public Library sponsors book clubs at the library. CCPL Book Clubs are open to all interested adults. All CCPL Book Club attendees are encouraged to participate in book selection and discussion.

Calloway County Public Library Book Clubs reflect the diversity of adults attending. Individuals interested in attending CCPL Book Clubs should be interested in reading and discussing a wide variety of titles.

The programming department will work with groups or organizations to establish new book clubs in Calloway County. The programming coordinator or other programming staff will attend, assist attendees, consider guidelines, select titles, and facilitate discussion.

These guidelines also apply to establishing future book clubs geared to the reading interests of teens and other age groups.

Storytime, Summer Reading, Children's, and Youth Programming Guidelines

Storytimes, after-school programs, summer reading programs, craft programs, special events, and specialized programming for defined age groups are offered at various times during the year at the Calloway County Public Library.

A CCPL programming staff member usually conducts children's and Youth programming; however, guest presenters, speakers, or musicians may also be scheduled.

Storytimes and other programs, such as the summer reading program, may be scheduled as a series of events taking place during an eight-week or shorter time span.

Children's programs are often planned around the age of the participants.

A 30-minute storytime will normally include the sharing of one story. A 45-minute storytime will consist of sharing no fewer than two stories. The presentation's format may include books, flannel boards, puppets, or a presenter telling a story using related props. Other activities vary but usually have finger-plays, movement, music, and simple crafts related to the stories.



All children's events and programs encourage parental involvement, participation, and attendance. The adult accompanying a child must remain in the library during a storytime or program designed for children under the age of six.