



Lewes Public Library, Inc.

Policy on Sponsored Educational Classes and Events

The Lewes Public Library (“the LPL”) sponsors educational classes and events that advance the mission of the Library and provide additional opportunities for information, learning and entertainment. Educational classes and events are an integral component of library service that:

- Expand the LPL’s role as a community resource
- Introduce patrons and non-users to the LPL’s resources
- Provide opportunities for lifelong learning
- Provide entertainment

Library initiated classes and events include community forums, discussion groups, presentations, demonstrations, story-times and live or media presentations.

The LPL draws upon other community resources in developing classes and events. Library co-sponsored classes and events may be conducted in cooperation with other agencies, educational institutions, civic organizations, Friends of the LPL and other individuals approved by the LPL’s Director.

Library staff selects the topics, speakers and resource materials for library-initiated classes and events based upon the interests and needs of the community. Concerns or questions about LPL initiated classes and events are handled according to the policies and procedures that govern use of other library resources.

The LPL’s sponsorship of a class or event does not constitute the endorsement of the content of the program or the views expressed by the participants.

Library sponsored classes and events may be offered at locations outside the LPL. Such locations include, but are not limited to, schools, civic organizations, information fairs, the Historic Lewes Farmer’s Market and area businesses.

Classes and events sponsored by the LPL are generally offered free of charge and are open to the public. A fee may be charged for special types of library classes and events and/or tickets may be sold for special library events and fundraisers benefiting the LPL.

Every attempt will be made to accommodate all who wish to attend a class and event; however, attendance may be limited due to space limitations or the nature of the program. Registration may be done by calling, emailing or visiting the Library.

Classes and events co-sponsors must coordinate marketing efforts with the LPL. Any publicity distributed by the LPL or a co-sponsoring partner will include a statement of the LPL co-sponsorship.

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This policy is in conformance with the American Library Association’s Library Bill of Rights.