

Programming

Programs are activities that will support the strategic service priorities of the Sylvan Lake Municipal Library's Plan of Service and will respond to community needs and interests.

I. STATEMENT OF INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM

The Canadian Federation of Library Associations (CFLA-FCAB) affirms that all individuals in Canada have the right to access and express a wide range of ideas and information, as protected by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Libraries play a vital role in supporting intellectual freedom, privacy, and equitable access to diverse content—even if some materials are considered controversial. Libraries also provide inclusive public spaces and protect user privacy, resisting censorship and undue restrictions while respecting lawful processes and the right to critique.

~~In the provision of its programs, the Library abides by the Canadian Federation of Library Associations' 2015 Statement on Intellectual Freedom and Libraries, specifically:~~

~~"all persons in Canada have a fundamental right, subject only to the Constitution and the law, to have access to the full range of knowledge, imagination, ideas, and opinion, and to express their thoughts publicly."~~

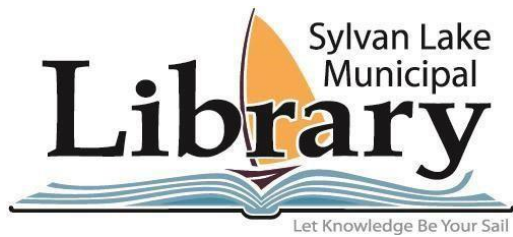
The Library does not warrant or assume any legal liability or responsibility for the currency, relevance, accuracy, or completeness of any information, apparatus, product or process disclosed in the programs presented.

II. SYLVAN LAKE MUNICIPAL LIBRARY PROGRAMS

1. These programs may be presented by library staff or by a staff-approved provider
2. Program proposals by community members are welcome; however, the Library will not be obligated to offer such programs
3. Library staff are responsible for completing all necessary program planning documentation in order to maximize programming efficiency and accountability

III. OTHER PROGRAMS

1. The Library may collaborate with other organizations to plan and offer programs and events in order to maximize community impact



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A. Request for Reconsideration of Library Programs

While individuals may choose not to attend programs, they find objectionable, they do not have the right to restrict others' access. Programs may include content that reflects diverse perspectives, even if some may be considered controversial or unconventional. The responsibility for deciding which programs are appropriate for children rests with parents or legal guardians.

Programs will not be labeled to indicate approval or disapproval, nor will they be restricted or removed except to protect public safety or in accordance with legal obligations.

Concerns about specific programs should be submitted via the Request for Reconsideration Form:

- Only Sylvan Lake, Summer Villages, and Red Deer County residents may submit a request for reconsideration, and no more than one program per month may be requested for reconsideration.
- This form is to be thoroughly completed by the resident making the request and submitted to the Library Director.
- A program will be reconsidered only once per calendar year, no matter how many requests may be submitted. All requests for reconsideration will be reported for inclusion in The Canadian Library Challenges Database.

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