

Program Development Policy

The purpose of the Haddonfield Public Library is to serve the people of Haddonfield by providing ready access to information and ideas. Building on a tradition begun in 1803, the library is a center for lifelong learning, welcoming people of all ages, backgrounds and interests. The library's collections and services are dynamic and designed to meet the informational, educational, and cultural needs of the community. As part of this mission, the library regularly plans and delivers programs that are thought to be of broad and inclusive appeal.

A standing committee of library staff thoughtfully prepares a schedule of programming that addresses the rich diversity of life and interests in the Borough of Haddonfield. This includes historical, cultural, social, and skills-based programs. In order to develop and schedule programs, the committee follows trends, news, industry reports, and suggestions, and collaborates with many local organizations. Additionally, the committee will consider input from the general public. Nevertheless, the library will ultimately be guided by practical limitations on available resources, so it is important to understand that the library may not be able to provide every program that the committee recommends and cannot promise to deliver programs that service every viewpoint or need.

The library is committed to the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights. This bill of rights affirms that library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community the library serves; and that libraries should provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.¹

Suggestions and comments on programs can be directed to the attention of the Library Director at ezino@haddonfieldlibrary.org.

1. ALA Council, "Library Bill of Rights", American Library Association, May 4, 2023, <https://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/librarybill>