LIVERMORE PUBLIC LIBRARY

POLICY STATEMENT

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

The Livermore Public Library recognizes the importance of comprehensive use of information formats for personal development and the provision of equitable access to the Library for all segments of the community. To achieve these goals, programs to interest patrons and potential patrons of all ages in all Library's annual planning and operations.

Programs to introduce and interest children in the library services and information formats shall have a high priority.

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BACKGROUND STATEMENT

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS TO INTRODUCE LIBRARY SERVICES

Along with the direct services the Library provides to the public in organizing and loaning information formats and other information services, the public library provides "programs" to introduce children and adults to library services and information.

The purpose of this program of effort is to"

Make equitable access to the library possible for all segments of community and to interest patrons and potential patrons of all ages in the library's services.

To enhance adult's and children's appreciation of the history, design, and art of information formats.

Formats include books, magazines, microforms, films, video, audio tape, pamphlets, art prints, realia, electronic information and other information formats the library may select and organize for public use.

Equitable access means that everyone in the community should be aware of basic library services and aware that the services are available on an equal basis to al interested persons.

To interest patrons means to make clear the value of the services and the extent of the services.

To enhance understanding of the content of information formats means to help focus a patron's attention on the intellectual statement of the format.

To enhance adult's and children's appreciation of the history, design, and art of information formats means to help focus a patron's attention on the development of the information format, the technical aspects of producing the formats, and the art involved in creating the format.

The purpose of both information formats and enhancement of appreciation of formats is to

help a patron better use the format for personal development.

<u>Programs</u> is loosely defined by the library as any event which is planned to take place in a specific time frame that aims at either providing more information about information formats and services or enhancement of appreciation of these formats.

Typical library programs aimed at these two tasks are:

Children's story hours, film programs, puppet shows, lectures, demonstrations, book talks, book fairs or book exhibitions.

A balance effort toward programs to interest and inform patrons and potential patrons about the library and its collections of media should be an integral part of the library's annual planning and operations.