

Book Signings and Author Appearances

Communities meeting rooms or other library space are not available for the promotion, sale, or distribution of items, except as follows.

1. The Library Director or his designee may from time to time host events at which an author appears to make a presentation regarding his or her published work, and thereafter sells signed copies of the work (hereafter referred to as “book sale and signing events”). Book sale and signing events are limited due to the library’s lack of space, the demands on its schedule of activities, and the need to accommodate other patrons while a book sale or signing event is in progress. The Library Director or his designee accordingly has established priorities for books on Amherst County or other matters of regional interest, books written by authors resident in the County or Commonwealth of Virginia, or books dealing with historical issues of local, state, or national importance. The Library Director or his designee may approve sale and signing events for books not meeting the priority criteria as space and time are available.

The Library Director or his designee retains full discretion over the approval of any book prior to its acceptance for a book sale and signing event, and may reject a book if the book does not meet the priority criteria, if the Library does not have appropriate or sufficient time or space for the event, if the book contains libelous, salacious, or pornographic content, or for such other reason as the Library Director or his designee may deem appropriate. The conduct of a book sale and signing event shall not be deemed an endorsement by the Library of the content of the book, or of the philosophy, practices, or viewpoints held by the author.

2. The Friends of the Library may hold book sale and signing events for the benefit of their members. If the program is open to the public, the event shall be subject to the approval of the Library Director or his designee.