

## PAULINE HAASS PUBLIC LIBRARY

### **POLICY: “Residents first” for programming**

Adopted by Library Board: September 15, 2021

The Pauline Haass Public Library receives most of its funding from the taxpayers of Sussex, and therefore seeks to assure that those taxpayers have first access to programming provided by the library.

The Bridges Library System Membership Agreement, adopted annually, allows a member library to give preference to its residents in library group programs held for children or adults if the library limits the number of persons who may participate in the program. The Pauline Haass Public Library Board of Trustees has established the following policy based on the Bridges membership agreement.

1. Preference may be given to Sussex residents registering for any program that has an enrollment limit.
2. Non-residents will be encouraged to register if there are openings left after resident registration.
3. If the Bridges membership agreement changes its requirements on this matter, the library policy will conform to the agreement’s new requirements.

This policy only reserves the right to take this action; it doesn't mandate it. It will be put into effect only if there is a demonstrated need for it.

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