



CENSORSHIP: TAROT PROGRAM

Consider this case study about a tarot program.

EPL scheduled a “Tarot 101” program for October 20, 2021, which was listed in the Autumn 2021 Fine Print and on EPL’s online calendar of events with this description:

“Demystify the tarot with a cartomancer and learn the basics to reading for fun, divination, and self-betterment. Participants will tap into their intuition and discover a wonderful, magical new hobby.”



EPL's Director received two public comments via email, objecting to this program. The concerns were that various religions forbid the use of tarot, and that tarot card use could lead to witchcraft and related practices.

Also of concern was that the program was open to high school students and was “inappropriate for young minds.”

The people who sent the emails did not attend the September 21, 2021 Library Board meeting, but their emails were read at that meeting. EPL's Director and the Head of Marketing then answered questions about EPL's [Library Programming Policy](#). There was no discussion of cancelling the tarot program.

The program was presented on October 20, both virtually and in-person, with a total of 40 attendees.

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