

Subject: Confidentiality of Library Patron Records

Purpose:

To maintain the confidentiality of a patron's library records.

Policy:

The Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library supports every patron's right to have his or her library records remain confidential. Library records include patron registration data, circulation records, overdue and reserve records, participation in library sponsored programs, record of library visits, record of computer use, and/or any data that contain information that links a specific patron to specific materials or services used. Each patron has individual control over his or her borrower's card and presentation of the card permits access to information about the borrower's current circulation record. Except during the actual period of transaction (circulation, maintenance of record on unpaid fines, reservation of materials), the library does not maintain a record of transactions. When no longer needed for library administration purposes, records will be expunged.

Library records shall not be made available to any agency of state, federal, or local government or any individual except pursuant to such process, order, or subpoena as may be authorized under the authority of, and pursuant to federal, state, or local law relating to civil, criminal, or administrative discovery procedures or legislative investigative power. Upon receipt of any inquiry, process, order, or subpoena seeking library records, the matter will be turned over to the Library Director. The Director and the Montgomery County Attorney will determine if such inquiry, process, order, or subpoena is in proper legal form.

Nothing in this policy shall prevent authorized library personnel from using library records in the administration of their regular duties. By separate action, the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library has endorsed the recommendations of the American Library Association's *Policy on Confidentiality of Library Records*.

Attachments: None

References: Policy 109 - Fines and Recovery of Materials
Policy on Confidentiality of Library Records (Appendix II)

Approval:
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