Privacy and Confidentiality Policy

Wisconsin State Statute 43.30 protects the privacy of library users. Confidentiality extends to information sought or received; materials consulted, borrowed or acquired; database search records; reference interviews; usage records; interlibrary loan records; electronic and physical contact lists; and any other personally identifiable uses of library materials, facilities or services. Marinette County Consolidated Public Library Service strives to protect all aspects of patron confidentiality.

The First Amendment of the United States Constitution guarantees freedom of speech and of the press. It protects the corresponding right to hear what is spoken and read what is written, free from fear of intrusion, intimidation, or reprisal. Confidentiality is essential to protect the exercise of these rights from invasions of privacy.

Marinette County Consolidated Public Library Service recognizes that law enforcement agencies and officers may occasionally believe that library records contain information that would be helpful to the investigation of criminal activity. If there is a reasonable basis to believe such records are necessary to the progress of an investigation or prosecution, our judicial system provides the mechanism for seeking release of such confidential records. Except as otherwise required or allowed by Wisconsin State Statute 43.30 (5) and 43.30 (6), the issuance of a court order, following a showing of good cause based on specific facts by a court of competent jurisdiction, is required for release of such information.

In accordance with Wisconsin law, custodial parents or guardians of children under the age of sixteen (16) may, upon request, review library records pertaining to their child's use of the library's documents or other materials, resources or services. Documents that demonstrate to the Library that the requestor is the custodial parent or guardian of the child may be required before request is honored.

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