

Library User Privacy and Confidentiality Policy

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The Decatur Public Library is committed to user confidentiality. The confidentiality of library records is an essential part of library ethics.

The Decatur Public Library acts in compliance with Texas Public Information Act Government Code Chapter 552.

Disclosure of Library User Information

Circulation, registration information and information retrieval records may not be disclosed except to:

1. The cardholder (with card or other proper id).
2. Library staff acting within the scope of their duties.
3. Persons authorized by the cardholder to access the individual's records identified by a signed note of permission given by the cardholder.
4. Representatives of any local, state or federal government, pursuant to a subpoena or search warrant authorized under the authority of federal, state, or local law relating to civil, criminal or investigative power.

Internet Usage and User Privacy

The library computers are in a public area. Computer users should take precautions and be aware that they are working in a public environment.