

ALASKA STATUTE REGARDING CONFIDENTIALITY

Alaska Statute Chapter 25
Public Record Disclosures
Sec. 40.25.140.

Confidentiality of library records

Except as provided in (b) of this section, the names, addresses, or other personal identifying information of people who have used materials made available to the public by a library shall be kept confidential, except upon court order, and are not subject to inspection under AS 40.25.110 or 40.25.120. This section applies to libraries operated by the state, a municipality, or a public school, including the University of Alaska.

Records of a public elementary or secondary school library identifying a minor child shall be made available on request to a parent or guardian of that child.

WHY ARE WE PROVIDING THIS INFORMATION?

As a patron of the Wasilla Meta-Rose Public library, it's important that you understand that we take your privacy seriously. We are guided by laws and codes of ethics that help to ensure the safeguarding of your information.

This brochure outlines our commitment to providing our patrons the highest standards of information privacy.

THE FREEDOM TO READ

The freedom to read is essential to our democracy...

We, as individuals devoted to reading and as librarians and publishers responsible for disseminating ideas, wish to assert the public interest in the preservation of the freedom to read.

We believe that free communication is essential to the preservation of a free society and a creative culture.

From: The Freedom to Read, a joint statement from the American Library Association and the Association of American Publishers.

This is an excerpt. You can read the entire statement on our website:

www.cityofwasilla.com/library/freedom

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THE LIBRARY, OUR PATRONS & PRIVACY



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LIBRARY BILL OF RIGHTS

The Wasilla Meta-Rose Public Library has adopted and adheres to the *American Library Association's* Bill of Rights affirming that all libraries are forums for information and ideas and that the following basic policies should guide their services:

- I. Books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information and enlightenment of all of the community the library serves. Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background or views of those contributing to their creation.
- II. Libraries should provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.
- III. Libraries should challenge censorship in the fulfillment of their responsibility to provide information and enlightenment.
- IV. Libraries should cooperate with all persons and groups concerned with resisting abridgment of free expression and free access to ideas.
- V. A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background or views.
- VI. Libraries which make exhibit spaces and meeting rooms available to the public should make such facilities available on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use.

THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CODE OF ETHICS

The principles of this code are expressed in broad statements to guide ethical decision making. These statements provide a framework; they cannot and do not dictate conduct to cover particular situations

1. We provide the highest level of service to all library users through appropriate and usefully organized resources; equitable service policies, equitable access and accurate, unbiased, courteous responses to all requests.
2. We uphold the principles of intellectual freedom and resist all efforts to censor library resources.
3. We protect each library user's right to privacy and confidentiality with respect to information sought or received and resources consulted, borrowed, acquired or transmitted.
4. We respect intellectual property rights and advocate balance between the interests of information users and rights holders.
5. We treat co-workers and other colleagues with respect, fairness and good faith and we advocate conditions of employment that safeguard the rights and welfare of all employees of our institutions

CODE OF ETHICS, CONTINUED

6. We do not advance private interests at the expense of library users, colleagues or our employing institutions.
7. We distinguish between our personal convictions and professional duties and do not allow our personal beliefs to interfere with fair representation of the aims of our institutions or the provision of access to their information resources.
8. We strive for excellence in the profession by maintaining and enhancing our own knowledge and skills by encouraging the professional development of coworkers and by fostering the aspirations of potential members of the profession.

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Questions regarding these issues of privacy and confidentiality should be directed to the Library Director.