



# Confidentiality and Privacy Policy

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## Policy Statement

Pursuant to Illinois Code 75 ILCS 70, the “Library Records Confidentiality Act,” patron and circulation records of the East Moline Public Library are strictly confidential and not subject to disclosure to the public or to any law enforcement officers except by court warrant. Library employees and any agents of the library are bound to observe this confidentiality.

## Public Act 95-0040

Public Act 95-0040 created an exception to the requirement for a court order if ALL the following conditions are met:

1. The information is requested by a sworn law enforcement officer who states that it is impractical to get a court order as a result of an emergency situation;
2. The law enforcement officer states that there is probable cause to believe that there is imminent danger that someone will be physically harmed;
3. The information requested is limited to only identifying a suspect, witness, or victim of a crime; and
4. The information does not include any registration or circulation records that would indicate materials borrowed, resources reviewed, or services used at the library.

Requesting law enforcement officer must sign a form acknowledging the receipt of the information.

## Accessing Library Account Information

Account information will only be shared with the library cardholder with proper identification.

## Minors

The East Moline Public Library has adopted the ALA Library Bill of Rights which states: “All people, regardless of origin, age, background, or views, possess a right to privacy and confidentiality in their library use.” Additionally, the EMPL behavior policy allows juveniles aged 9 and older to visit the library unattended. To balance patron privacy and the library behavior policy, while exercising reasonable and practical judgement, cardholders aged 9 and older must provide consent in person for the library to disclose library card activity to a parent or guardian. Parents/guardians may update account information such as address, phone number, etc. on any juvenile card for which they are responsible party.

Parents/guardians must provide proper identification which matches the information on juvenile library card account in order to access or update any account information.

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