



# Confidentiality of Library Patron Records Policy of the Sam T. Wilson Public Library

As specified in Tennessee Code, The Sam T. Wilson Public Library adheres strictly to all sections of this Statute regarding the protection of the confidentiality of its patrons.

## 10-8-101. Definitions.

*“Library means: a library that is open to the public and established or operated by: The state, a county, town, school district or any other political subdivision of the state.”*

*“Library record means a document, record, or other method of storing information retained by a library that identifies a person as having requested or obtained specific information or materials from such library. Library record does not include nonidentifying material that may be retained for the purpose of studying or evaluating the circulation of library materials in general.”*

## 10-8-102. Disclosure prohibited – Exceptions.

*Except as provided in subsection (b), no employee of a library shall disclose any library record that identifies a person as having requested or obtained specific materials, information, or services or as having otherwise used such library. Such library records shall be considered an exception to the provisions of § [10-7-503](#).*

*Library records may be disclosed under the following circumstances*

*Upon the written consent of the library user*

*Pursuant to the order of a court of competent jurisdiction; or*

*When used to seek reimbursement for or the return of lost, stolen, misplaced or otherwise overdue library materials*

## 10-8-103. Applicability.

*The provisions of this chapter shall apply to libraries included within the provisions of chapters 1 and 3-5 of this title.*

Although the Sam T. Wilson Public Library makes every effort to protect your privacy, under the federal USA Patriot Act (public Law 107-56), records of the books and other materials you borrow from this library may be obtained by federal agents. This federal law prohibits library workers from informing you if federal agents have obtained records about you. Questions about this policy should be directed to:

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