

The Lambertville Free Public Library Patron Privacy and Confidentiality Policy

The Board of Trustees of the Lambertville Free Public Library upholds the values stated by the American Library Association in its Code of Ethics. As such, we uphold the principles of intellectual freedom and resist all efforts to censor library resources. We also believe it is the basic right of every individual to read what he or she wishes without fear of censure or legal consequence, and we therefore protect each user's right to privacy and confidentiality. The library will do everything in its power to protect each user's right to privacy with respect to all information required for registration and for information sought or received, and materials consulted, borrowed, or acquired. Such records will not be made available to any individual, organization or government agency except pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:73-43.2 which reads: "Library records which contain the names or other personally identifying details regarding the users of libraries are confidential and shall not be disclosed except in the following circumstances:

- a. The records are necessary for the proper operation of the library;
- b. Disclosure is requested by the user; or
- c. Disclosure is required pursuant to a subpoena issued by a court or court order. L.1985, c 172, s. 2, eff. May 31, 1985."

In addition, the library does not collect or maintain information about users' immigration status or country of origin. It is the policy of the Library not to allow law enforcement agents, including agents or employees of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or Customs and Border Protection (CBP), access to our records or information unless this is required by a valid judicial warrant. The same policies and procedures apply to police officers who are acting with or at the request of ICE/CBP agents to enforce the immigration laws.