



## **Patron Privacy at the Library**

State Law protects the contents of library patron records.

Under this law, library employees are prohibited from sharing information about what a patron has checked out with anyone else, even parents and spouses.

Under this law, no one outside library staff, can find out what you are reading or viewing without your consent or a court order.

Under this law, we are not permitted to do any of the following:

- Tell a parent what a child has checked out (even if a fine is owed on that material)
- Give an item on hold or check out an item to another person, even when they have the library card that was used to hold the book
- Provide access to library records to law enforcement without a search warrant.

As a library patron, you can permit other people to know what you have checked out or to use your card, however, you must provide consent specifically allowing that person to have access to your library records.

If you like, we can provide you with a copy of the statute (Maine Statutes Title 27, Chapter 4-A, Sec. 121).

Thank you for helping us to conform to this law regarding the privacy of library records.