

Confidentiality of Library Records

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The Amery Area Public Library Board believes that assured confidentiality in the use of library materials is a constitutionally protected right. The Amery Area Public Library protects the privacy of library records and the confidentiality of patron use of the library as required by relevant laws.

Wisconsin state statute 43.30 specifies that “[r]ecords of any library which is in whole or in part supported by public funds, including the records of a public library system, indicating the identity of any individual who borrows or uses the library’s documents or other materials, resources, or services may not be disclosed except by court order or to persons acting within the scope of their duties in the administration of the library or library system, to persons authorized by the individual to inspect such records, to custodial parents or guardians of children under the age of 16 as required under sub. (4), or to libraries as authorized under subs. (2) and (3).”