Monarch Library System (MLS) Patron Privacy Statement

Monarch Member Public Libraries are committed to protecting the borrowing information of patrons, and their right to access information.

- Wisconsin State Statute §43.30 and the Wisconsin Personal Information Practices Act, Sections 19.62 to 19.80 protect the confidentiality of library patron borrowing records.
- USA Patriot ACT still requires the presentation of a subpoena for access to your records.
- Your Patron Information: The information in your patron record is the property of the Monarch Library System and can only be used for library transactions and communications.
- Your borrowing history: When you return an item within the due date, the link to that item is removed from your patron record.
- Reading History Option: If you choose to use the reading history option, the system will remember all items you checked out even after you return them. This information is protected under the privacy laws and may only be accessed by you or by the library if presented with a subpoena. By default, the Reading History option is inactive. You may choose to activate or deactivate Reading History at any time by logging into your account via the Monarch Catalog/Contact information and Preferences page or by contacting your home library.
- eNotices: If you choose to be notified of available holds or Overdue Notices by email or text, be aware the message includes the item's title.
- eResources and Third-Party Services: MLS works with a variety of partners to provide eContent, eResources, and other functionality (e.g., eBooks, eAudiobooks, database social media sharing) to our patrons. Before using or accessing these items or services, you should read the privacy policy of the company that is providing the service.
- Aggregated Data: The Monarch Catalog does not collect personally identifying information from visitors unless the patron requests service. Non-personal information such as Internet Protocol (IP) address of a computer, the type and version of browser, version of operating system, geographical location of the network used to link to the Monarch Catalog, and the time and date of a visit is used to compile statistical analysis, site assessment, server performance, authentication, troubleshooting and for other management purposes.

For more information:

- [Library Bill of Rights](#)

    - [Privacy: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights](#)

- [Freedom to Read Statement](#)

- [Freedom to View Statement](#)

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