

# **Weyauwega Public Library**

## **Policy On The Confidentiality Of Identifiable Information About Library Users**

Wisconsin State Statute 43.30 and the Weyauwega Public Library protect the privacy of library users. Confidentiality extends to information sought or received, and materials consulted, borrowed, or acquired, and includes database search records, reference interviews, interlibrary loan records, and all other personally identifiable uses of library materials, facilities, or services.

The First Amendment of the United States Constitution guarantees freedom of speech and of the press. This requires the corresponding right to hear what is spoken and read what is written, free from fear of intrusion, intimidation, or reprisal. Confidentiality is essential to protect the exercise of these rights from invasions of privacy.

The Weyauwega Public Library is an impartial resource providing information on all points of view, available to all persons regardless of age, race, religion, national origin, social or political views, economic status, or any other characteristic. This role must not be compromised by an erosion of the privacy rights of our library users.

The Weyauwega Public Library recognizes that law enforcement agencies and officers may occasionally believe that library records contain information which would be helpful to the investigation of criminal activity. If there is a reasonable basis to believe such records are necessary to the progress of an investigation or prosecution, our judicial system provides the mechanism for seeking release of such confidential records. The issuance of a court order, following a showing of good cause based on specific facts by a court of competent jurisdiction, is required for release of such information.

In accordance with Wisconsin law, custodial parents or guardians of children under age 16 may, upon request, review library records pertaining to their children's use of the library's documents or other materials, resources, or services.