

Privacy and Data Collection

The Winter Park Library values the privacy of personal information and use of Library materials and services. Although the Library may collect information to improve its services or to recover materials and/or fees, it does not sell the data and it prohibits the sale of data collected by third party vendors. Patron borrowing records are deemed confidential as per Florida Statute 257.261.*

In providing public access to the Internet, the Winter Park Library subscribes to the principles of intellectual freedom expressed in the American Library Association's "Library Bill of Rights" and "Freedom to Read" statements and its interpretations of these documents. Library staff do not monitor use of its computers, wi-fi, or the Internet except for length of use to ensure equal opportunity of access. Data collected may be used to measure and evaluate access to our digital services, and the Library is removed from patron privacy if the patron discloses personal information to non-Library websites. The Library's computers and laptops are subject to access by law enforcement authorities acting through state or federal law, and the Library cooperates in the prosecution of violations arising out of use of its computers for illegal purposes and activities.

*All registration and circulation records of every public Library, except statistical reports of registration and circulation, shall be confidential information. Except in accordance with proper judicial order, no person shall make known in any manner any information contained in such records. As used in this section, the term "registration records" includes any information which a Library requires a member to provide in order to become eligible to borrow books and other materials, and the term "circulation records" includes all information which identifies the members borrowing particular books and other materials. Any person violating the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided ins.775.082, s.775.083 or s.775.084.