

Patron Privacy

The Library Board of Trustees of the Schuyler Public Library recognizes that its circulation records and other records identifying the names of library users with specific materials are confidential in nature. Staff and patron computer and information contained within are to be considered to be confidential in nature. Confidentiality extends to all of the library's materials and services, including information sought or received, and materials consulted, borrowed, or acquired or transmitted, and includes database search records, reference interviews, interlibrary loan records, use of library computers, and all other personally identifiable uses of library materials, facilities, or services, with one exception*. (*Legally issued search warrant.)

All librarians and library employees are advised that such records shall not be made available to any agency of state, federal, or local government, except subject to a legally issued search warrant. If the official has a search warrant, staff members should not stand in his/her way and should expect a written copy of anything that has been taken or recorded. The staff will tell an official expecting to perform any other legal action that the Schuyler Public Library abides by the Library Bill of Rights and that we are bound not to release that information.

The Board shall resist the issuance or enforcement of any such process, order, or subpoena, until such time as a proper showing of good cause has been made in a court of competent jurisdiction.

(Point of paragraph three above means that upon receipt of such process, order, or subpoena, the library's officers will consult with their legal counsel of the city attorney to determine if such process, order, or subpoena is in proper form and if there is a showing of good cause for its issuance; if the process, order, or subpoena is not proper form or if good cause has not been shown, they will insist that such defects be cured.)