Tennessee state law protects the confidentiality of YOUR library records

Title 10, Chapter 8, of the Tennessee Code Annotated defines “library record” as a document, record, or other method of storing information retained by a library that identifies a person as having requested or obtained specific information or materials from such library.

The records of library materials you borrow or use cannot be disclosed to anyone but you, except:

- Upon your written consent; or

- Pursuant to the order of a court of competent jurisdiction; or

- When used to seek reimbursement for or the return of lost, stolen, misplaced, or otherwise overdue library materials; or

- In compliance with the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001 (PL 107-56), which also prohibits library personnel from informing you if federal agents have obtained your records.

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