

Further Reading

The Coralville Public Library has many resources on privacy in its collection. You may also find these links useful.

“Freedom to Read Statement” by the American Library Association and the Association of American Publishers

A cornerstone of library philosophy.
<http://www.ala.org/offices/oif/statementspols/ftstatement/freedomreadstatement>

“Privacy: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights”

A further examination by the American Library Association.

<http://www.ala.org/template.cfm?section=interpretations&template=/contentmanagement/contentdisplay.cfm&contentid=34182>

Privacy Revolution

A clearinghouse for information and action on libraries and privacy. Watch a film with discussions of privacy at library and online from librarians, legal experts, authors, and teens.

<http://privacyrevolution.org/>

“The Right to Read” by Richard Stallman

An interesting look at what the right to read means in the computer age.

<http://www.gnu.org/philosophy/right-to-read.html>

Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC)

Tracks many issues related to privacy online.

<http://epic.org/>

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What is privacy?

**Who protects your
privacy?**

Who should?

These aren't all questions the library can answer

Is privacy a right or a privilege?
Do corporations protect your privacy?
Does government? Do you protect your own privacy?

Only you can answer these questions for yourself.

We *can* tell you what the library does to protect your privacy, and why.

We don't keep track of what you read.

That means we can't tell you what you have checked out in the past, but it also means we can't tell anyone else what you have checked out.

At the library, you should feel free to pursue any information you want without fear of reprisal or of judgment.

Whether you're wondering about your health or your legal rights in the workplace; whether you like romance novels or horror movies: those are your business, not anyone else's.

We don't let other people use your card.

Ever wondered why we won't give you your PIN over the phone? Or why we won't let you pick up holds for someone else unless you have that person's card?

It's because we care about your privacy.

Just as we would not give out information about your library record to anyone, we will not give it to you unless we know for sure who you are.

And just as we do not track what you read, we also don't want other people to have access to that information. Letting them pick up your holds without your explicit permission would give them that access.

Many services, especially online services, keep track of all the information they can about you. They track what you click on and what you look at as well as what you buy. They share data about you with other services so that those services can, in turn, market to you. All that information is, in theory, hidden behind your password, but it exists. At the library, that data doesn't exist.

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We work to defend your right to read.

The Library Bill of Rights reads (in part):

The American Library Association affirms that all libraries are forums for information and ideas, and that the following basic policies should guide their services.

I. Books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community the library serves. Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation.

II. Libraries should provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.

III. Libraries should challenge censorship in the fulfillment of their responsibility to provide information and enlightenment.

IV. Libraries should cooperate with all persons and groups concerned with resisting abridgment of free expression and free access to ideas.

The full text is online at
<http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/intfreedom/librarybill/index.cfm>