# Colorado Library Law – The Quick Guide

## Privacy of User Records

**CRS 24-90-119**

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*Consult with your respective city, county, or district lawyers for legal advice on, and implications of, Colorado Library Law, or call the Colorado State Library for additional information.* |
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<td>(1) Except as set forth in subsection (2) of this section, a publicly supported library shall not disclose any record or other information that identifies a person as having requested or obtained specific materials or service or as otherwise having used the library.</td>
<td>• A public library may not disclose patron records or information about library use unless:</td>
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| (2) Records may be disclosed in the following instances:  
(a) When necessary for the reasonable operation of the library;  
(b) Upon written consent of the user;  
(c) Pursuant to subpoena, upon court order, or where otherwise required by law;  
(d) To a custodial parent or legal guardian who has access to a minor's library card or its authorization number for the purpose of accessing by electronic means library records of the minor. | - needed for library operations;  
- the user consents;  
- required through subpoena or court order;  
- a custodial parent/guardian has access to a minor’s library card or authorization number. |
| (3) Any library official, employee, or volunteer who discloses information in violation of this section commits a class 2 petty offense and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than three hundred dollars. | • Disclosure by a library official, employee or volunteer commits a class 2 petty offense, with up to $300 fine if convicted. |

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