Greenville Area Public Library Policy

Section 3.7

Confidentiality of Records

It is the policy of the Greenville Area Public Library to regard as confidential any information about patrons and patrons' use of the library's resources.

To implement this policy, the GAPL will disclose no information regarding:

- 1. A patron's name, whether an individual is a registered borrower or has been a patron, or whether or when an individual has been in the library,
- 2. A patron's address or telephone number.
- 3. The library's circulation records, borrower records and their contents.
- 4. The frequency or content of a patron's lawful visit, or any other information supplied to the library or gathered by it. In addition, no information about patrons or registered borrowers will be made available or disclosed to any individual, corporation, institution, government agency or law enforcement agency without a valid order of subpoena.

Upon presentation of such order of subpoena, the library shall resist its enforcement until such time as proper showing of good cause has been made in a court of proper jurisdiction.

With regards to the Patriot Act, the FBI will also be asked to present a court-ordered subpoena before information or records would be turned over for their inspection.

See: Privacy: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights. (Appendix)