

HEMPSTEAD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Confidentiality of Library Records

The Hempstead Public Library respects the privacy and confidentiality of all Library customers regarding information related to the use of the Library.

Public library service is based on the First Amendment of the US Constitution rights to guaranteed freedom of speech extend to corresponding right to hear what is spoken and read what is written, free from fear of intrusion, intimidation, or reprisal.

The confidentiality of library records is protected by New York State (CPLR 4509, New York State Statutes) which states that library records “shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed except that such records may be disclosed to the extent necessary for the proper operation of such library and shall be disclosed upon request or consent of the user or pursuant to subpoena, court order or when otherwise required by statute.”

The Library Director or his/her designee is the sole library representative authorized to receive and comply with requests for those library records which are protected by law.