

**Latah County Library District
Administrative Policy
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4. CIRCULATION AND PATRON RELATIONS

4.4 Confidentiality

The Library District shall protect the confidentiality of all patrons in conformance with the Idaho Public Records Law (Idaho Code 9-340E (3)) "the records of a library which, when examined alone, or when examined with other public records, would reveal the identity of the library patron checking out, requesting, or using an item from a library".

With the passage of the USA PATRIOT Act (Section 215) the FBI now has the authority to order any person or entity to turn over any tangible things, so long as the FBI specifies that the order is for an authorized investigation...to protect against international terrorism or clandestine intelligence activities. However, the FBI need not show probable cause, nor even reasonable grounds to believe, that the person...is engaged in criminal activity. Those served with Section 215 orders are prohibited from disclosing the fact to anyone else. Those who are the subjects of the surveillance are never notified that their privacy has been compromised.