

MORE Directors Council meeting information

March 20, 2026

10. Discussion and possible action on the revised MORE Privacy Policy

At their [November 17, 2025 meeting](#), MORE Operations Committee recommended revising the [MORE Privacy Policy](#) and adding the currently-separate [Purging Last Patron Information policy](#) into the Privacy Policy.

At their [February 6, 2026 meeting](#), MORE Executive Committee voted to recommend the following combined, amended MORE Privacy Policy:

RECOMMENDATION: MORE Privacy Policy

Approved February 5, 2003; recommended for approval by MORE Executive Committee February 6, 2026

The MORE Consortium recognizes both an ethical and a legal requirement to protect the privacy of library users' records. Ethical standards for the library profession and Wisconsin State Statute require that the privacy of users' records be maintained.

The MORE Consortium will take these actions to protect library users' privacy:

- Cardholders' circulation records will only be divulged per state statute or federal law, or with the written permission of the individual cardholder.
- Searchable information about the last cardholder to check out and return a library item will be purged every three months.

The MORE Consortium also makes these recommendations to member libraries:

- All member libraries should adopt a local policy regarding privacy of library records that adheres to state statute, federal law, and applicable court cases, and follows privacy best practices:
 - Wisconsin Statute 43.30:
<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/document/statutes/43.30>
 - ALA Policy on Confidentiality of Library Records:
<https://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/statementspols/otherpolicies/policyconfidentiality>

- ALA's Privacy: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights:
<https://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/librarybill/interpretations/privacy>
- All member libraries will regularly train library staff to correctly handle requests for library records and patron information (legally, and according to library policy).