

# **BETHELEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY**

## **CONFIDENTIAL RECORDS POLICY**

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The ethical responsibility of library employees, as well as New York State law, protects the privacy of library users. Records related to the circulation of library materials, the patron database, computer database searches, interlibrary loan transactions, reference queries, requests for photocopies of library materials, title reserve requests, or the use of audio-visual materials shall be confidential and library employees shall not disclose them except to the extent necessary for proper library operation, upon request or consent of the user, pursuant to subpoena or court order, or where otherwise required by law.