Patron Privacy

The Turtle Lake Public Library recognizes the need to protect your right to privacy about the questions you ask and the materials you read and borrow. In order to guarantee privacy for each individual, the American Library Association mandates confidentiality of your registration and borrowing records, and Turtle Lake Public Library policies and procedures carry out that intent.

Library staff cannot give any information about a patron's registration and circulation record to anyone other than the patron, regardless of age or relationship to the patron. For example, a parent cannot be told what material a child has checked out on the child's card without the child's consent. The Library recognizes that in many families, library cards are shared among family members. However, for purposes of compliance with the Library policy and state law, only the person to whom the card belongs may have access to information about materials checked out on that card.