

Rochester Public Library Internet Privacy Statement

The Rochester Public Library Privacy Statement discloses the information gathering practices of the Rochester Public Library (a department of the City of Rochester) regarding visits to the Library's website. This statement applies only to Websites with the Library's official domain name (rochesterpubliclibrary.org) in the URL.

Information you provide to us

[The Minnesota Government Data Practices Act](#) (Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13) governs all data collected, created, received, maintained or disseminated by the City. This law presumes that all such data is public unless classified otherwise.

There are many exceptions to the presumption that all such data is public. If you are asked to provide private data through the use of an on-line form, you will be given an advisory about the proposed use of the data by the Library before you submit the form online.

If you choose to submit information to the Library by email, the information you provide, including any identifying information, will be used, disseminated, and retained as needed in conducting the Library's official business and in accordance with the laws governing retention and dissemination of data.

You should be aware of the provisions of the law as it relates to data that you are sending to the Library. If you have questions about the classifications of particular information, you may want to contact the Library's Data Practices Compliance Official, Purna Gurung at (507) 328-2320.

Information about your visit to our site

The Rochester Public Library does not routinely collect or keep personal information about your visit to rochesterpubliclibrary.org. Like most Internet sites, our web site reads some information from your computer that helps us analyze traffic patterns, perform routine maintenance and to help you navigate through our site. Generally the information we collect is temporary and when you leave the site this information is deleted from our system.

The information the Library automatically collects and stores for these purposes is the following:

- total number of visits to our site
- number of unique visits to our site
- types of computer systems used to access our site
- web browser type and version
- date and time of access
- the web site that may have referred you (linked you) to this web site
- the first and last page you visited in our site

None of the information described above contains personal (identifying) information.

For security purposes, and to maintain service for all users, the Library's network system may use software programs to identify attempts to gain unauthorized access or to damage or misuse the systems or the Library's web site. In the event that a potential security threat is recognized, identifying information about the user and the questionable computer activity may be retained and reviewed for security and other law-enforcement-related purposes.

If you have questions about the information captured about your visit, you may want to contact the Library's Web Site Manager at (507) 328-2370 .

Cookies

Our web site traffic tracking system and some of the other on line services provided by the Library may use "cookies" (simple text files that are created and stored on your computer) to aid in delivering on line services.

Many of these cookies will be destroyed when any of the following occurs: a few minutes of inactivity, successfully completing a transaction or when the browser window is closed. In some instances, however, cookie files may persist for a longer duration.

If your Web browser does not accept cookies, you will be able to navigate the information content on our site, but you may not be able to use some of the on-line transaction services provided by the Library and City.