



Fayetteville Free Library Public Access to Library Information and Records

Overview

Although the Fayetteville Free Library (the “Library”), as a private entity, is not obligated to comply with the Freedom of Information Law, the Board of Trustees has adopted a policy of access to those records of the Library in which the public has an interest, and directs the Executive Director to furnish to the public Board approved information and records.

This policy provides information concerning the procedures by which records may be obtained from the Library.

Procedure

Requests for Public Access to Records

1. The Library will require that all request(s) for access to records will be in writing.
2. The Library will respond to all requests in a reasonable period of time.
3. Requests for public access to records shall be accepted in writing during all hours in which the Library’s administrative department is regularly open for business.
4. Approved records requests shall be sent electronically or mailed via US mail with return receipt signature card, and if mailed the Library reserves the right to invoice for any required postage.

Denial of Access to Records

1. Denial of access to records shall be in writing stating the reason therefore.
2. In general, records will be denied if it is determined by the Board of Trustees or its designees that disclosure is not in the best interests of the Library for reasons which may include, but shall not be limited to, (i) disclosure could injure the privacy rights of a person or entity, (ii) disclosure would be repetitive to a prior request of substantially the same nature, (iii) such request was made without legitimate purpose or with intent to harass any person or entity, (iv) disclosure would require the Library to create rather than compile records, (v) such records are privileged and/or confidential, or (vi) such request is overly broad or ambiguous
3. No document that constitutes a Library Record pursuant to N.Y. Civil Practice Law and Rules §4509 will be released except in accordance with the procedures set forth in that section.