

Security Camera Policy

Pearl River County Library System

Purpose:

Pearl River County Library System (PRCLS) uses security cameras to enhance the safety and security of library patrons, staff, and property. Moreover, PRCLS protects an individual's right to privacy.

Cameras are located in public areas and are not located where one would expect privacy, such as a restroom.

Access to Video Footage:

A stored video recording is considered a library record pursuant to section §39-3-365 of the Mississippi Code and is only released consistent with that code. Authorized individuals may issue a still shot or selected portions of recorded data to law enforcement review for assessing the security risk of a specific individual or for investigating a crime on library property.

Recorded data will be made available to investigating law enforcement agencies upon presentation of a valid court order. Any such review by law enforcement will be with the knowledge and approval of the Library Director.

Recorded data, otherwise, will be accorded the confidentiality and protection provided to library users by Mississippi law, PRCLS policies, and the American Library Association policies on confidentiality and privacy.

Public records are governed by Mississippi Public Records Act (Miss. Code Ann. §25-61-1, et seq.). The *Public Records Request Policy* and *Public Records Request Form* can be found on the PRCLS website.

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