

Missouri Evergreen Consortium (MEC) values the privacy of our members and visitors. This document explains our data collection practices to identify individuals or organizations personally. It emphasizes the control and choices members have over how such information is collected and used, empowering members to make informed decisions.

Personal Information

As a membership organization comprised of public libraries, all our members are bound by privacy regulations found in [RSMo 182.815-817](#). MEC collects information only to help us better serve our members. Our policy is to collect and store only personal information that is knowingly provided to us. We share personal information only as permitted in [Missouri Evergreen Policy on Personally Identifiable Information \(PII\)](#). MEC also collects organizational information for research and member services, ensuring that our members have full control and choice over their information.

Organizational Information

MEC makes organizational contact information available through our online directory. These lists are limited to organization names, addresses, and information submitted to MEC.

Third-Party Partners

MEC has teamed up with reputable third-party partners to provide services to members and patrons of members. These partners are contractually bound to handle confidential and secure personal information and only provide the agreed-upon services. Although RSMo182.815-817 does not apply to MEC, the consortium uses the parameters found in this statute as MEC's standard to regulate MEC's relationship with third-party vendors. The information submitted to

MEC may be provided to those third parties confidentially so they can assist in providing these services. In cases where patrons leave MEC's website to visit a partner's website, they are encouraged to learn about the privacy policies of the websites they visit.

Security

MEC employs industry-standard security measures to protect the loss, misuse, and alteration of the information under our control. Although MEC makes a good faith effort to store information collected in a secure operating environment, MEC cannot guarantee complete security.

Updating or Removing Information

MEC site users may correct, update, or delete personal information submitted to us by email requesting changes to director@moevergreenlibraries.org. Please understand that deleted information may continue to persist on backup media. Users may also contact MEC at:

Missouri Evergreen Consortium, 1190 Meramec Station Road, Suite 207,
Ballwin, MO 63021-6902

Library patrons-users of member libraries should contact their library concerning similar requests concerning a patron account.

Changes to this Document

This document changes from time to time. Any revisions will be consistent with MEC's mission, reaffirming our commitment to privacy and our members. Any substantive changes will be posted on this page, ensuring transparency and informing our members and visitors.