

Salida Regional Library  
**PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST POLICY**

The Salida Regional Library (Library) is subject to the laws that apply to the government of the State of Colorado. This includes the Colorado Open Records Act (Act), found at Section 24-72-201 and subsequent sections of Colorado Revised Statutes. The intent of this policy is to implement the Open Records Act.

In accordance with the Colorado Open Records Act, public records maintained by the Salida Regional Library shall be open for inspection by any person at reasonable times, except as provided in the Act or as otherwise provided by law. These materials are different from the books, magazines and other publications that make up the traditional research and circulation stock of the Library. They are, essentially, the internal management records of the Library. General emails to the District (or inquiries on the District's website or social media) will not be treated as records requests under CORA.

The custodian of records is the Library Director. The Library Director shall establish alternate custodians for times when the Director is not available.

A person who desires to inspect or to obtain a copy of the records shall submit a written request in accordance with the request form attached to this policy. Copies of the form shall be available at the front desk of the Library, or online at <https://www.salidalibrary.org/salida-library-policies/>.

All requests must contain the following information:

- Description of the records being requested. Describe the request as specifically as possible. If requester is uncertain about which records contain the information they are seeking, provide a description of the type of information requester is looking for, including date ranges.

As a matter of policy, the Library will endeavor to make the requested records available within one working day. If the records are not readily available on the day that they are requested, the custodian shall set a date and time for inspection or for providing copies. Under normal circumstances, this shall happen within a maximum of five working days of receiving the request. If there are extenuating circumstances, as provided in the Act, up to an additional seven working days may be required. Working days for the Salida Regional Library are Monday through Friday.

The custodian shall promptly review the request to determine the nature of the records sought, the time required to locate and make the records available, and whether there are questions concerning the release of any of the records or difficulty in providing the records within five working days.

If the custodian believes that any of the requested records are not to be released under the Open Records Act, or determines that there are extenuating circumstances that will require more than five working days to produce the records, or otherwise believes that the request cannot be met within the specified time frames, the custodian shall promptly seek review by the Library's attorney and shall also inform the Library Board of Trustees to ensure the request is being fulfilled as accurately as possible and in accordance with the Act.

The custodian of records shall determine whether to provide inspection of the original material or to provide a printed copy. The custodian may provide an electronic copy by E-mail if acceptable to the requester. Any inspection of original records shall be in the Library and monitored by a Library employee. The requester will follow instructions from the Library concerning handling of records. If the custodian determines to provide the original record, there shall be no charge, except that staff time shall be charged as set out in the following paragraph.

If the requester receives a copy, rather than or in addition to inspection of the original, the Library shall charge \$0.25 per page for letter-size reproduction, print-out or scan. If copying facilities outside the Library are required, the actual cost for those reproduction services shall be charged. The Library will provide the requester with a written invoice for all charges. The invoice must be paid before the Library will proceed with making copies and before providing the copies.

There is no charge for reasonable time on the part of the Library to locate, produce and monitor inspection of the records. But consideration must be given to the prevention of unnecessary interference with the regular discharge of the duties of the custodian. Therefore, if fulfilling the request will require more than one hour of staff time to locate, produce and monitor inspection of the records, the Library will charge for the time in excess of the first hour at the rate of \$33.58 per

hour, billed at 15-minute increments. The Library will provide the requester a written estimate of the charges before the work is undertaken. The requester shall pay the invoice before the Library will provide inspection or copies of the records. These charges are in addition to the charges for copies as set out above.

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The Salida Regional Library **Public Records Request Policy** was adopted and approved by the Salida Regional Library District Board of Trustees on May 24, 2016, reviewed and readopted February 27, 2018, reviewed February 26, 2019, reviewed and adopted May 23, 2023.



**REQUEST FOR PUBLIC RECORDS**

This is a request for access to public records maintained by the Salida Regional Library, in accordance with the Colorado Open Records Act, Colorado Revised Statutes 24-72-201 and following sections, and the Library’s Public Records Request Policy.

Submitted by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number email address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Organization (if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address

Description of records being requested (attach additional sheets if needed)

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**\*I have reviewed, understand, and agree to comply with the above policy. Initial \_\_\_\_\_**

**For Office Staff:**

Type of access requested:     Inspection at the Library     Copy of Records (\$.25/pg; black and white)

Received on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Time

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Staff Member Name

Library Contact Info:  
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719-539-4826