

**NOTIFICATION and DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION
ON SEX OFFENDERS PLACED WITHIN
THE COMMUNITY
(Megan's Law)**

The Middle Country Public Library recognizes one of its significant responsibilities is the protection of the health and safety of patrons and their children who receive services or participate in programs or events sponsored by the Library. As the Suffolk County Police Department has determined that it will notify the Middle Country Public Library when a "sex offender" is to be released to a residence within the geographical area served by the Library, it is determined by the Board of Trustees that it is incumbent upon it that this information be disseminated in a manner that will provide, to the greatest degree possible, the protection of the Library's patrons and their children who participate in Library programs or utilize Library property.

Under the terms of the applicable statute, and the policy of the Suffolk County Police Department, the Library will receive notification of (dependent upon the "class" of offender) information which may include the offender's exact address; a photograph of the offender; background information including the offender's crime of conviction, modus of operation, type of victim targeted and a description of special conditions imposed on the offender.

It is the Library's understanding that the purpose of this notification is to provide for, to the extent possible, the safety of its patrons and their children.

In order that the information received by the Library can be most effectively utilized to secure, to the greatest extent possible, the protection of the Library's patrons and their children utilizing Library programs and facilities, the Library Director will immediately relay information received within the "Notification" received by the Library to all pertinent Library personnel, including Library administrators, professional staff, security or other personnel [individuals] deemed by the Director to be in a position to appropriately utilize the information to protect the interests of the Library's patrons and their children utilizing Library facilities.

Notifications received by the Middle Country Public Library from the Suffolk County Police Department shall be considered "Government Information" and accessible to the public as such. A disclaimer regarding the accuracy of such documents shall be affixed to each Notification. A log of names and addresses of the people who request to view this information will be maintained. Individuals may also be referred to the New York State Sex Offender Registry Information line at 1-800-262-3257 for additional information about the Sex Offender Registration Act and to inquire about specific offenders.

DISCLAIMER

With respect to the attached documents made available by the Suffolk County Police Department, neither the Library nor its Trustees nor any of its employees assume any legal liability or responsibility for the accuracy, completeness, or usefulness of any information disclosed, or represents that its use would not infringe rights of privacy.

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