

**NOTIFICATION AND DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ON
SEX OFFENDERS PLACED WITHIN THE COMMUNITY**

(Megan's Law)

The Smithtown Special Library District recognizes that one of its significant responsibilities is the protection of the health and safety of adult 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 may notify the Smithtown Special Library District 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 of the Smithtown Special Library District that it is incumbent upon it that this information be disseminated in a manner which will provide, to the greatest degree possible, the protection of the Library's adult patrons and their children who participate in Library programs and events, who avail themselves of Library services, or who utilize Library property.

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

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

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

Notifications received by the Smithtown Special Library District 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.

Disclaimer:

With respect to the attached documents made available by the Suffolk County Police Department, neither the Smithtown Special Library District 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.