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Dear Mr. Moore:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Public Information Act (the "Act"), chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 510226.

The City of Roanoke (the "city"), which you represent, received a request for a listing of the members of the city's public library who are residents of the Town of Trophy Club. You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.124 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

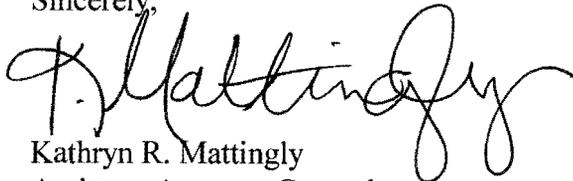
Section 552.124 of the Government Code makes confidential, with certain exceptions that are not applicable here, "[a] record of a library or library system, supported in whole or in part by public funds, that identifies or serves to identify a person who requested, obtained, or used a library material or service[.]" Gov't Code § 552.124(a)-(b); *see also* Open Records Decision No. 100 at 3 (1975) (identifying information of library patrons in connection with object of their attentions is confidential by constitutional law). We note only the names, addresses, and other information specifically identifying library patrons may be withheld under section 552.124. *See* Open Records Decision No. 649 at 3 (1996) (confidentiality provisions strictly construed). You raise section 552.124 for the submitted information. Although you seek to withhold the "status" column listed in the submitted information, we note this information only reveals whether or not a library patron is an adult. Upon review, we find you have failed to demonstrate this information specifically identifies or serves to

identify a person who requested, obtained, or used a library material or service. Accordingly, the city may not withhold the information in the "status" column under section 552.124 of the Government Code. However, the city must withhold the remaining information, which consists of the names and addresses of library patrons, under section 552.124 of the Government Code. As you raise no further exceptions to disclosure, the "status" column must be released.

This letter ruling is limited to the particular information at issue in this request and limited to the facts as presented to us; therefore, this ruling must not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other information or any other circumstances.

This ruling triggers important deadlines regarding the rights and responsibilities of the governmental body and of the requestor. For more information concerning those rights and responsibilities, please visit our website at http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open/orl_ruling_info.shtml, or call the Office of the Attorney General's Open Government Hotline, toll free, at (877) 673-6839. Questions concerning the allowable charges for providing public information under the Act may be directed to the Office of the Attorney General, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,



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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)