

Colorado Municipal Records Retention Schedule

SCHEDULE NO. 70

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM RECORDS

General Description: Records relating to library and museum or local history operations.

*No record may be destroyed under this Retention Schedule if it is pertinent to any current, pending or anticipated investigation, audit or legal proceeding. **The minimum retention periods specified in this schedule apply to the information contained within the record copy, regardless of the physical format of the record copy (paper, microfilm, electronic).*** Each municipality must decide on the physical format for each type of record, ensuring authenticity, readability and accessibility for the entire retention period. **Duplicate Copies:** Retain duplicated copies that are created for **administrative purposes** for 1 year, and retain those created for **convenience or reference purposes** until no longer needed or for 1 year, whichever is first. Duplicate copies should not be retained longer than the record copy.

70.010 LIBRARY RECORDS

Records pertaining to the operation of a municipal library. [CRS 24-90-109]

A. Catalogs

Finding aids in card or computer form that provide patrons with access to library holdings.

Retention: Until superseded

B. Gift Register

Retention: Permanent

C. Interlibrary Loan Transactions/Reciprocal Borrowing Sheets

Retention: 3 years

D. Patrons' Registration Forms

Retention: 6 years

E. User Records

Records of use of specific library materials by individual patron. [CRS 24-90-119 addresses privacy of library user records]

Retention: 3 years

70.020 MUSEUM RECORDS

Records documenting the acquisition and ownership of museum materials in museums, local history collections, and similar collections or repositories, including: raw (untouched) image files of museum artifacts; temporary custody forms documenting chain of custody of materials held for review pending a decision on permanent acquisition; contracts of gift or deeds of gift forms documenting permanent acquisitions; loan forms documenting the chain of custody of materials loaned to the museum or loaned by the museum to other repositories; and deaccession records documenting the removal of materials from the collection.

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Retention: Permanent

Cross References

- Agreements and contracts – 40.030, Agreements and Contracts
- Board of trustees records – Schedule 20, Entities Appointed by Municipality
- Correspondence and general documentation – 40.100, Correspondence and General Documentation
- Fee collections – 30.020, Accounts Receivable (A/R) Records
- Policies and procedures – 40.220, Policies and Procedures Documentation
- Purchasing records – 30.170, Purchasing Records
- Reports – 40.290, Reports
- Rules, regulations and standards – 40.310, Rules, Regulations and Standards