NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:
An individual who wishes to determine whether a record is being maintained in this system under his or her name or other personal identifier, or wants to determine the contents of such record, should submit a written request or apply in person to the last VA healthcare facility where care was rendered. Addresses of VA healthcare facilities may be found in VA Appendix 1 of the biennial publication of VA Privacy Act Issuances. All inquiries must reasonably identify the place and approximate date that medical care was provided. Inquiries should include the patient’s full name, social security number, insurance company information, policyholder and policy identification number as well as a return address.

EXEMPTIONS PROMULGATED FOR THE SYSTEM:
None.

HISTORY:
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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

ACTION: Notice of amendment of system of records.

SUMMARY: As required by the Privacy Act of 1974, notice is hereby given that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is amending the system of records entitled “Library Network (VALNET)–VA” (136VA19E) as set forth in a notice, published in the Federal Register on November 26, 2010. VA is amending the system of records by revising the System Name, System Number, System Manager, Categories of Individuals Covered by the System, Categories of Records in the System, Records Source Categories, Policies and Practices for Retention and Disposal of Records, and Appendix. VA is republishing the system notice in its entirety.

DATES: Comments on this amended system of records must be received no later than April 13, 2018. If no public comment is received during the period allowed for comment or unless otherwise published in the Federal Register by VA, the amended system will become effective April 13, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted through www.Regulations.gov; by mail or hand-delivery to Director, Regulation Policy and Management (00REG), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave. NW, Room 1064, Washington, DC 20420; or by fax to (202) 273–9026 (this is not a toll-free number). Comments should indicate that they are submitted in response to “Library Network (VALNET)–VA” (136VA19E). Copies of comments received will be available for public inspection in the Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Room 1063B, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays). Please call (202) 461–4902 for an appointment. (This is not a toll-free number). In addition, comments may be viewed online at www.Regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Privacy Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420; telephone 704–245–2492.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:
The System Name is being changed from “Library Network (VALNET)–VA” to “Library Network (VALNET)–VA”.

The System Number is changed from 136VA19E to 136VA10P2 to reflect the current organizational alignment.

The System Manager has been amended to replace VHA Library Program Office (19E) with Director, VHA Library Network Office (10P2C).

The Categories of Individuals Covered by the System is being amended to include records being maintained for Veterans, family members and caregivers.

The Categories of Records in the System is being amended to remove 2. Patients. Included under this section is:
1. Equipment such as iPads, e-readers, and laptops as potential checkout material and record may include name, last four of social security number, email address, phone number, work or ward location of the user; and
2. Veterans, family members and caregivers as user and including the name of user are collected.

The Record Source Category is being amended to include the individual who use the library services.

Policies and Practices for Retention and Disposal of Records is being amended to replace Item XLV with 1950 library services, Item 1. Temporary; destroy when superseded or obsolete (GSR 14, item 6).

Appendix A has been amended to remove the following libraries which are no longer operating: Library, VA Medical Center, 1700 East 38th Street, Marion, IN 46953–4589; Library, VA Medical Center, 2200 Gage Boulevard, Topeka, KS 66622–0001; Library, VA Medical Center, 1601 Perdido Street, New Orleans, LA 70112; Library, Perry Point VA Medical Center, Circle Drive Building 5H, Perry Point, MD 21902; Library, VA Medical Center, 325 East H Street, Iron Mountain, MI 49801; Library, VA Medical Center, 76 Veterans Way, Bath, NY 14810; Library, Central Texas Veterans Health Care System, 4800 Memorial Drive, Waco, TX 76711; Library, VA Medical Center, 2500 Overbrook Terrace, Madison, WI 53705–2286; Library, VA Medical Center, 1989 Fort Road, Sheridan, WY 82801–8320. The following address of Library, VA Medical Center, 41 Jefferson Barracks Drive, St. Louis, MO 63125–4199 to Library, VA Medical Center, 915 N Grand Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63106.

The Report of Intent to Amend a System of Records Notice and an advance copy of the system notice have been sent to the appropriate Congressional committees and to the Director of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) (Privacy Act) and guidelines issued by OMB (65 FR 77677), December 12, 2000.

Signing Authority
The Senior Agency Official for Privacy, or designee, approved this document and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs. John Oswalt, Executive Director for Privacy, Department of Veterans Affairs approved this document on January 18, 2018 for publication.

Dated: March 8, 2018.

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SYSTEM NAME
“VA Library Network (VALNET)–VA” (136VA10P2).

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:
None.

SYSTEM LOCATION:
Records are maintained at each Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical center library (see Appendix A) and VA Central Office Library at 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420.
SYSTEM MANAGER(S):
Official responsible for policies and procedures; Network Librarian, Director, Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Library Network Office (10P2C), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420. Officials maintaining the system; Director at the facility where the individuals are associated.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:
Title 38 United States Code Section 501.

PURPOSE(S) OF THE SYSTEM:
The records and information may be used to track library materials checked out to library users and those materials that are overdue, materials borrowed from other libraries for library users, to track and recover costs of lost library materials to determine library materials to purchase and/or replace based on usage, to track users of library public access computers, and to compile management and statistical reports. Cost is recovered by Fiscal Service through Bills of Collection. If Bills of Collection are not paid, Fiscal Service may garnish paychecks, including Federal tax refunds, or turn the matter over to collection agencies.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THIS SYSTEM:
The records may include information concerning all present and former VA employees, volunteers, students, contractors, regardless of whether they check out materials or use tables of content routing and interlibrary loan services. Records are maintained for Veterans, family members and caregivers that check out materials.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:
The records may include information related to:
1. Items checked out and in use (library books, journals, audiovisuals, and equipment such as iPads, e-readers, and laptops) and may include name, last four of social security number, email address, phone number, work or ward location of user.
2. Library public access computer work stations used by VA staff, Veterans, family members, and caregivers including name of user;
3. Name, last four digits of the social security number, email address, other assigned identifier, work location information, such as service, and extension for employees, students, and ward location for patients or other assigned identification.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:
Information in this system of records is provided by the individual, VA employees, volunteers, students, contractors, Veterans, and others who use the library services. Automated computer systems such as Integrated Library Systems (ILS) which are used to track items which have been checked out of the library may store the information.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:
To the extent that records contained in this system include information protected by 38 U.S.C. 7332, i.e., medical treatment information related to drug abuse, alcoholism or alcohol abuse, sickle cell anemia or infection with the human immunodeficiency virus; information protected by 38 U.S.C. 5705, i.e., quality assurance records; or information protected by 45 CFR parts 160 and 164, i.e., individually identifiable health information, such information cannot be disclosed under a routine use unless there is also specific statutory authority permitting the disclosure. VA may disclose protected health information pursuant to the following routine uses where required or permitted by law.

1. Information from this system of records may be disclosed to a congressional office from the record of an individual in response to an inquiry from the congressional office made on behalf of that individual.
2.Disclosure may be made to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) for records management inspections under authority of Title 44 United States Code.
3. Disclosure may be made to VA’s initiative made to the appropriate Federal, State, or local agency responsible for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing, or implementing a statute, rule, regulation, or order, where the agency becomes aware of an indication of a violation or potential violation of civil or criminal law or regulation.
4. A record from this system of records may be disclosed to a Federal agency, in response to its request, in connection with the hiring or retention of an employee, the issuance of a security clearance, the conducting of a security or suitability investigation of an individual, the reporting of an investigation, the letting of a grant or other benefit, to the extent that the information is relevant and necessary to the requesting agency’s decision on the matter.
5. Records from this system of records may be disclosed in a proceeding before a court, adjudicative body, or other administrative body when the Agency, or any Agency component or employee (in his or her official capacity as a VA employee), is a party to litigation; when the Agency determines that litigation is likely to affect the Agency, any of its components or employees, or the United States has an interest in the litigation, and such records are deemed to be relevant and necessary to the legal proceedings; provided that the disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which the records were collected.
6. Disclosure of relevant information may be made to individuals, organizations, private or public agencies, etc., with whom VA has a contract or agreement to perform such services as VA may deem practicable for the purposes of laws administered by VA, in order for the contractor or subcontractor to perform the services of the contract or agreement.
7. Disclosure may be made to officials of labor organizations recognized under 5 U.S.C. chapter 71 when relevant and necessary to their duties of exclusive representation concerning personnel policies, practices, and matters affecting working conditions.
8. Disclosure may be made to officials of the Merit Systems Protection Board, including the Office of the Special Counsel, when requested in connection with appeals, special studies of the civil service and other merit systems, review of rules and regulations, investigation of alleged or possible prohibited personnel practices, and such other functions, promulgated in 5 U.S.C. 1205 and 1206, or as may be authorized by law.
9. Disclosure may be made to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission when requested in connection with investigations of alleged or possible discrimination.
10. VA may disclose information in this system of records to the Department of Justice (DoJ), either on VA’s initiative or in response to DoJ’s request for the information, after either VA or DoJ determines that such information is relevant to DoJ’s representation of the United States or any of its components in legal proceedings before a court or adjudicative body, provided that, in each case, the agency also determines prior to disclosure that disclosure of the records to the DoJ is a use of the information contained in the records that is compatible with the purpose for which VA collected the records. VA, on its own initiative, may disclose records in this system of records in legal proceedings before an administrative body after determining that the disclosure of the records to the
court or administrative body is a use of the information contained in the records that is compatible with the purpose for which VA collected the records.

11. VA may disclose on its own initiative any information in this system, except the names and home addresses of veterans and their dependents, which is relevant to a suspected or reasonably imminent violation of law, whether civil, criminal or regulatory in nature and whether arising by general or program statute or by regulation, rule or order issued pursuant thereto, to a Federal, State, local, tribal, or foreign agency charged with the responsibility of investigating or prosecuting such violation, or charged with enforcing or implementing the statute, regulation, rule or order. On its own initiative, VA may also disclose the names and addresses of veterans and their dependents to a Federal agency charged with the responsibility of investigating or prosecuting civil, criminal or regulatory violations of law, or charged with enforcing or implementing the statute, regulation, rule or order issued pursuant thereto.

12. To disclose to the Federal Labor Relations Authority (including its General Counsel) information related to the establishment of jurisdiction, the investigation and resolution of allegations of unfair labor practices, or information in connection with the resolution of exceptions to arbitration awards when a question of material fact is raised; to disclose information in matters properly before the Federal Service Impasses Panel, and to investigate representation petitions and conduct or supervise representation elections.

13. VA may, on its own initiative, disclose any information or records to appropriate agencies, entities, and persons when (1) VA suspects or has confirmed that the integrity or confidentiality of information in the system of records has been compromised; (2) the Department has determined that as a result of the suspected or confirmed compromise there is a risk of embarrassment or harm to the reputations of the record subjects, harm to economic or property interests, identity theft or fraud, or harm to the security, confidentiality, or integrity of this system or other systems or programs (whether maintained by the Department or another agency or entity) that rely upon the potentially compromised information; and (3) the disclosure is to agencies, entities, or persons whom VA determines reasonably to assist or carry out the Department’s efforts to respond to the suspected or confirmed compromise and prevent, minimize, or remedy such harm. This routine use permits disclosures by the Department to respond to a suspected or confirmed data breach, including the conduct of any risk analysis or provision of credit protection services as provided in 38 U.S.C. 5724, as the terms are defined in 38 U.S.C. 5727.

14. VA may disclose information from this system of records relevant to a claim of a veteran or beneficiary, such as the name, address, the basis and nature of a claim, amount of benefit payment information, medical information, and military service and active duty separation information, at the request of the claimant to accredited service organizations. VA approved claim agents, and attorneys acting under a declaration of representation, so that these individuals can aid claimants in the preparation, presentation, and prosecution of claims under the laws administered by VA. The name and address of a claimant will not, however, be disclosed to these individuals under this routine use if the claimant has not requested the assistance of an accredited service organization, claims agent or an attorney. VA must be able to disclose this information to accredited service organizations. VA approved claim agents, and attorneys representing veterans so they can assist veterans by preparing, presenting, and prosecuting claims under the laws administered by VA.

15. Disclosure to other Federal agencies may be made to assist such agencies in preventing and detecting possible fraud or abuse by individuals in their operations and programs.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORAGE OF RECORDS:

Records are maintained in electronic and/or paper format.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETRIEViABILITY OF RECORDS:

Records are retrieved by name, last four of the social security number and/or other assigned identifiers of the individuals on whom they are maintained.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETENTION AND DISPOSAL OF RECORDS:

The VALNET records may be disposed of in accordance with the records retention standards authorized by the NARA General Records Schedule 14, item 6, and published in the Veterans Health Administration Records Control Schedule 10–1. 1950 library Services, item 1. Temporary: destroy when superseded or obsolete (GRS 14, item 6).

PHYSICAL, PROCEDURAL, AND ADMINISTRATIVE SAFEGUARDS:

1. Access to VA libraries is not restricted to VA employees. Generally the offices housing the files for storage of records are attended by staff who maintain the files during normal duty hours and after normal duty hours facilities are protected from outside access by the Federal Protective Service or other security personnel.

2. Access to files is controlled by the employees who maintain the files. Access to computerized records is controlled by the use of security codes known only to authorize users.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURE:

Individuals seeking information regarding access to and contesting records in the system may write, call, or visit the VA facility location where they are or were employed or made contact.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

(See Record Access procedures above.)

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals wishing to inquire whether this system of records contains information about themselves should contact the designated individual at the VA facility where the records are maintained. Individuals must furnish the following information in order for their records to be located and identified: a. Full name, b. dates of employment, service, hospital stay, or use of library, c. description of information being sought and, d. return address.

EXEMPTIONS PROMULGATED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

HISTORY:

Last full publication provided in 75 FR 72873.

APPENDIX A—LIST OF VA LIBRARIES

Library, Alaska VA Healthcare System, 1201 North Muldoon, Anchorage, AK 99508
Library, Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System, 2400 Hospital Road, Tuskegee, AL 36083
Library, VA Medical Center, 1100 North College Avenue, Fayetteville, AR 72703–1999
Library, Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System, 4300 W 7th St., Little Rock, AR 72205–5484
Library, Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System, 2200 Fort Roots Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72114
Library, VA Medical Center, 650 East Indian School Road, Phoenix, AZ 85012–1892
Library, VA Medical Center, 500 Highway 89 North, Prescott, AZ 86313
| Library, VA Medical Center, 1400 Black Horse Hill Road, Coatesville, PA 19320–2006 |
| Library, Erie VA Medical Center, 135 E 38th Street, Erie, PA 16504–1559 |
| Library, VA Medical Center, 1700 S Lincoln Avenue, Lebanon, PA 17042–7597 |
| Library, Philadelphia VA Medical Center, 3900 Woodland Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19104 |
| Library, Pittsburgh Healthcare System, 1010 Delafield Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15215 |
| Library, Pittsburgh Healthcare System, University Drive C, Pittsburgh, PA 15240 |
| Library, VA Medical Center, 1111 East End Boulevard, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711–0026 |
| Library, VA Medical Center, 10 Calle Casia, San Juan, PR 00921–3201 |
| Library, Providence Medical Center, 830 Chalkstone Avenue, Providence, RI 02908–4799 |
| Library, VA Medical Center, 109 Bee Street, Charleston, SC 29401–5799 |
| Library, WJB Dorn VA Medical Center, 6439 Garners Ferry Road, Columbia, SC 29209 |
| Library, VA Black Hill Health Care System, 500 North 5th Street, Hot Springs, SD 57747 |
| Library, VA Medical Center, 113 Comanche Road, Fort Meade, SD 57741–1099 |
| Library, Sioux Falls VA Medical Center, 2501 W 22nd Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57117 |
| Library, VA Medical Center, 1030 Jefferson Avenue, Memphis, TN 38104–2193 |
| Library, VA Medical Center, Sydney & Lamont Sts., (Johnson City), Mountain Home, TN 37684–5001 |
| Library, Tennessee Valley Healthcare System, 3400 Lebanon Pike, Murfreesboro, TN 37129 |
| Library, VA Medical Center, 1310 24th Avenue, South, Nashville, TN 37212–2637 |
| Library, VA Medical Center, 6010 Amarillo Blvd. West, Amarillo, TX 79106–1992 |
| Library, VA Medical Center, 1201 East 9th Street, Bonham, TX 75418–4019 |
| Library, VA Medical Center, 4500 South Lancaster Road, Dallas, TX 75216–7191 |
| Library, VA Medical Center, 2002 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77030–4298 |
| Library, VA Medical Center, Veterans Memorial Drive, Temple, TX 76504–7497 |
| Library, VA Medical Center, 500 Foothill Boulevard, Salt Lake City, UT 84148 |
| Library, Hampton VA Medical Center, 100 Emancipation Drive, Hampton, VA 23667–0001 |
| Library, VA Medical Center, 1201 Broad Rock Blvd., Richmond, VA 23249–0001 |
| Library, VA Medical Center, 1970 Roanoke Boulevard, Salem, VA 24153–6478 |
| Library, VA White River Junction VA MC, 215 North Main Street, White River Junction, VT 05009 |
| Library, VA Medical Center, 1660 S Columbian Way, Seattle, WA 98108–1597 |
| Library, VA Medical Center, 4815 North Assembly Street, Spokane, WA 99205–6197 |
| Library, VA Medical Center, 9600 Veterans Drive, Tacoma, WA 98493 |
| Library, VA Medical Center, 77 Wainwright, Walla Walla, WA 99362 |
| Library, VA Medical Center, 5000 West National Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53295–0001 |
| Library, VA Medical Center, 500 East Veterans Street, Tomah, WI 54660–3100 |
| Library, VA Medical Center, 200 Veterans Avenue, Beckley, WV 25801–6499 |
| Library, VA Medical Center, One Medical Center Drive, Clarksburg, WV 26301 |
| Library, VA Medical Center, 1540 Spring Valley Drive, Huntington, WV 25704 |
| Library, VA Medical Center, 510 Butler Avenue, Martinsburg, WV 25401–0205 |

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