User role

Public User:

This is the most basic role, with access to general information about the library, such as hours of operation, location, and contact details.

They can browse the library catalog, search for resources, and access online databases (if available).

Public users may not be able to access certain features like account management or placing holds on materials.

Registered User:

This role offers more functionality than a public user.

Registered users can typically create an account and manage their library usage online.

This might include features like:

Renewing borrowed materials

Placing holds on items

Creating and managing reading lists

Accessing digital resources

Library Staff:

Staff roles can be further divided into different levels with specific permissions.

Some common library staff roles include:

Librarian: Manages the collection, assists patrons with research, and oversees library programs.

Cataloger: Creates and maintains bibliographic records for library materials.

Circulation Staff: Handles borrowing and returning of materials, manages holds, and collects fines.

Staff roles typically have access to the library's internal systems for managing resources, user accounts, and library operations.

Administrator:

This role has the highest level of access and can manage all aspects of the library website and its functionalities.

They can create and manage user accounts, configure website settings, and oversee the overall operation of the library's online presence.

These are some of the most common user roles found on library websites. The specific functionalities may vary depending on the library's individual needs and the capabilities of their website platform.