

## **In the surveillance age, your library can be a privacy haven**

Pervasive government and corporate surveillance threatens our rights to privacy and intellectual freedom. As stewards of information and providers of public Internet access and technology education, librarians play a central role in meeting the information needs of communities and are in an obvious position to educate patrons about how to shield their privacy from surveillance threats. Furthermore, libraries have always been staunch defenders of privacy and intellectual freedom, ready to take action when those essential civil liberties are threatened. Library Freedom Project provides practical resources and training to libraries who are ready to fight for digital freedom in the information age.

## **What is the Library Freedom Project?**

Library Freedom Project is a partnership among librarians, technologists, attorneys, and privacy advocates which aims to make real the promise of intellectual freedom in libraries. We provide libraries with the resources they need to defend internet freedom in their local communities by offering privacy trainings for librarians - covering surveillance threats, privacy rights and responsibilities, and digital tools that can help take back privacy - as well as curriculum for teaching privacy classes, assistance in setting up privacy infrastructure, and other kinds of support for libraries who work with us. By teaching librarians how to protect their local communities from surveillance, we hope to create a privacy-centric paradigm shift in libraries and the local communities they serve.

## **Media attention and reception in libraries**

Reception to the Library Freedom Project has been overwhelmingly exuberant and positive. Recent attendees have called our trainings “consciousness-raising”, saying that when they leave they are “inspired to make privacy a priority”, and that their “eyes were opened.” Our work is in high demand in libraries all over the United States, Canada, and increasingly internationally. We've received media attention from The Nation, ProPublica, On the Media, Ars Technica, Motherboard, and more, and our director was named one of The Daily Dot's 2015 Internet Heroes. For more of our press coverage, see [libraryfreedomproject.org/press](http://libraryfreedomproject.org/press).

## **Get involved**

For more information about how Library Freedom Project can help your library become a privacy haven in your local community, contact us at [info@libraryfreedomproject.org](mailto:info@libraryfreedomproject.org) or visit [libraryfreedomproject.org](http://libraryfreedomproject.org).