

Privacy vegans, privacy nihilists, and everyone in between: Lessons from the Library Freedom Project

Come discuss the role of privacy in our work and campus life, and learn tools from the Library Freedom Project.

11-11:50

Welcome! (<5 min)

Goals:

1. Share out some of what I've been learning from LFI
2. Get you thinking about some of your own values around privacy, particularly as they relate to your work
3. Share some tools that may be useful for your work at

Ice-breaker (15 min)

- Speed-friending lite
- Two lines -- one side moves, grab a chair if it is uncomfortable to stand, 2-3 minute chunks of time, no set rules about who speaks when, but just make sure everyone has a chance to speak.
- Qs:
 - Privacy matters because...
 - Where does privacy come up in your work?
 - What is one privacy issue you wish you knew more about?
- Debrief/transition: 2-3 voices?

What is LFI/LFP? (>10 min)

- Library Freedom Project: started by public librarian Alison Macrina after Snowden revelations (show website)
- Library Freedom Institute: IMLS-funded professional development to train privacy advocates in libraries across the country
- One in-person weekend plus 5 hours a week of lectures, readings, and homework for six months, culminating in cool projects
- Topics include general privacy info (e.g. CCTV and surveillance technology), library-specific issues (e.g. the state of vendor privacy policies/practices), technology (e.g. Tor, Tails), and broader concepts (e.g. data minimization).
- Focus on harm reduction in teaching: we are all affected, but we can mitigate risks

Stations (20 min)

- Briefly introduce the four stations, invite folks to check them all out.
 - Create a diceware passphrase
 - Threat modeling: Map out the Assets, Adversaries, Consequences, Potential actions for a student who has been bullied online
 - Tails / Tor browser demo

- Privacy vegan $\leftarrow \rightarrow$ Privacy nihilist spectrum

Wrap-up (5 min)

Minute paper:

1 thing you learned

1 question you still have

1 topic you'd like to focus on