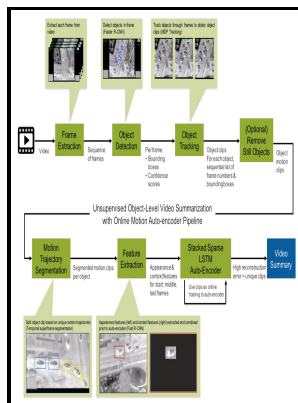


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Christian and his colleagues were dismayed by the timing. By accepting the existence of new privacy threats within the institution, it becomes possible to see an important new role for librarians.

### Surveillance in the Stacks: The FBI's Library Awareness Program by Herbert N. Foerstel

Seeking to amplify the voices of librarians in policy-making, the organization has asked its members to devote one hour a week to advocacy. The digital shift has increased the privacy challenges, but it has also made libraries a crucial bridge over the technology divide in underserved communities. The provision applied to library circulation records, patron lists, Internet records, and hard drives, and it prohibited any library worker who received such a request from discussing it with anyone.

### Secret US court approved surveillance program despite continuing FBI constitutional violations

This timely work will be an essential addition to the collections of both public and academic libraries, as well as a useful resource for courses in special libraries, library ethics, and first amendment issues. It led to some congressional hearings on the matter and caused many libraries to devise formal policies regarding requests for information about.

### FBI Checked on Critics of Its Library Probes

She and her colleagues had covered encrypted browsers, tracking, mobile security, surveillance laws, and what to do if federal agents show up with a letter from the government demanding library records. Relying heavily on previously classified FBI reports, the book traces the recent history of federal library surveillance, documents the media and congressional response to the Library Awareness Program, and discusses the professional and legislative moves that have been taken to safeguard library confidentiality.

## **Rethinking Privacy in the Public Library**

Under its Library Awareness Program, the bureau attempted to recruit librarians as 'assets' who would inform it when 'foreign' users consulted sensitive--although unclassified--technical information in their libraries. Written by a librarian whose own institution was the target of such intrusions and who later helped to develop confidentiality legislation, *Surveillance in the Stacks* is the first book to document and analyze the FBI's wide-ranging surveillance of libraries.

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