Training Course on Cybersecurity and Data Privacy in Libraries

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Library Institute	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

Upon completion of this training course, participants will be able to:

1. **Identify cyber threats** commonly targeting library systems and data.
2. Implement **strong password policies** and multi-factor authentication for enhanced security.
3. Recognize and avoid **phishing attacks** and social engineering tactics.
4. Understand the principles of **data encryption** and its application in protecting sensitive information.
5. Implement **network security best practices** to safeguard library infrastructure.
6. Develop and execute effective **data backup and recovery plans**.
7. Ensure compliance with relevant **data privacy regulations** and best practices.
8. Properly handle and protect **personally identifiable information (PII)** of library users.
9. Educate library users on **cybersecurity awareness** and safe online practices.
10. Respond effectively to **security incidents** and data breaches.
11. Conduct basic **security risk assessments** within the library environment.
12. Understand the importance of **regular software updates** and patching for vulnerability management.
13. Foster a culture of **cybersecurity awareness** and responsibility among library staff.

Organizational Benefits

- Proactive measures minimize the likelihood of costly and reputation-damaging security incidents.
- Builds trust and ensures compliance with legal and ethical obligations.
- Strengthens overall resilience against digital threats.

- Creates a human firewall against social engineering and other attacks.
- Ensures continuity of essential library services.
- Reinforces the library's role as a safe and reliable community resource.
- Avoids potential legal penalties and reputational damage.
- Reduces expenses related to recovery, legal fees, and reputational repair.

Target Audience

1. Library Directors and Administrators
2. IT Staff and System Administrators
3. Reference Librarians
4. Circulation and Access Services Staff
5. Archivists and Special Collections Staff
6. Technical Services Staff
7. Library Assistants and Paraprofessionals
8. Volunteers who handle library data

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Module 1: Introduction to Cybersecurity in Libraries

- Understanding the unique cybersecurity challenges faced by libraries.
- Overview of common cyber threats: malware, ransomware, phishing, social engineering.
- The importance of confidentiality, integrity, and availability (CIA triad) in library systems.
- Introduction to relevant cybersecurity frameworks and best practices.
- **Case Study:** Analysis of a recent cyberattack on a library and its impact.

Module 2: Data Privacy Principles and Regulations

- Fundamental concepts of data privacy and personally identifiable information (PII).
- Overview of key data privacy regulations (e.g., GDPR, CCPA, local data protection laws).
- Best practices for collecting, storing, and processing user data ethically and securely.
- Understanding user rights and consent management in the library context.
- **Case Study:** Examining a library's data privacy policy and its alignment with regulations.

Module 3: Network and Infrastructure Security

- Basic principles of network security: firewalls, intrusion detection/prevention systems.
- Securing wireless networks in library environments.
- Best practices for managing and securing library servers and workstations.
- Understanding the importance of regular software updates and patching.
- **Case Study:** Evaluating the network security infrastructure of a library.

Module 4: Endpoint Security and User Awareness

- Implementing strong password policies and multi-factor authentication.
- Recognizing and preventing phishing and social engineering attacks.
- Best practices for safe browsing and email usage.
- Securing portable devices and preventing data leakage.
- **Case Study:** Developing a cybersecurity awareness campaign for library users.

Module 5: Data Backup, Recovery, and Business Continuity

- Developing comprehensive data backup and recovery strategies.

- Different backup methods and storage options.
- Importance of regular testing of backup and recovery procedures.
- Creating a basic business continuity plan for library operations.
- **Case Study:** Analyzing a library's disaster recovery plan after a system failure.

Module 6: Incident Response and Management

- Developing an incident response plan for cybersecurity incidents.
- Steps for identifying, containing, and eradicating security breaches.
- Reporting procedures and legal obligations in case of a data breach.
- Post-incident analysis and lessons learned.
- **Case Study:** Reviewing a library's response to a simulated security incident.

Module 7: Security Risk Assessment and Management

- Understanding the principles of security risk assessment.
- Identifying potential vulnerabilities and threats in the library environment.
- Methods for assessing and prioritizing security risks.
- Developing and implementing risk mitigation strategies.
- **Case Study:** Conducting a basic security risk assessment for a specific library service.

Module 8: Emerging Trends and Future of Library Cybersecurity

- Overview of emerging cyber threats and trends (e.g., AI-powered attacks).
- The role of cloud computing and its security implications for libraries.
- Introduction to new technologies and strategies for enhancing library cybersecurity.
- Best practices for staying informed about the evolving threat landscape.
- **Case Study:** Exploring the potential impact of a new cybersecurity technology on library operations.

Training Methodology

This training course will employ a blended learning approach, incorporating:

- **Interactive lectures and presentations:** Delivering core concepts and principles in an engaging manner.
- **Group discussions and knowledge sharing:** Facilitating peer learning and the exchange of experiences.
- **Practical exercises and hands-on labs:** Providing opportunities to apply learned skills in realistic scenarios.
- **Case study analysis:** Examining real-world examples of cybersecurity incidents and data privacy challenges in libraries.
- **Role-playing simulations:** Practicing incident response and social engineering awareness.
- **Q&A sessions:** Addressing participant queries and providing clarifications.
- **Resource materials and supplementary readings:** Offering additional learning opportunities.

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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