

1. Title of Resolution

Including Privacy in BCLA's Values Statement

2. Rationale / Purpose for Resolution

Recent events concerning the fallout of Facebook’s data practices have brought privacy concerns to the centre of public discussion once again. Public interest in privacy waxes and wanes but the importance of privacy remains as integral for the ability of people to pursue their needs and interests. BCLA has often advocated in the past against threats to privacy in legislation and elsewhere. Both the ALA Code of Ethics and the CFLA Code of Ethics enshrine privacy as a core concern. Including privacy as one of BCLA’s core values would enhance the Association’s ability to advocate for privacy protections in wider society, and would provide further guidance to its members on the importance of privacy in libraries.

3. Prior History of this Resolution (IF ANY)

n/a

4. Body of the Resolution (Action Proposed)

Whereas privacy is widely recognized as a core library value;

Whereas BCLA has historically engaged in advocacy surrounding privacy concerns;

Whereas privacy continues to be threatened by new technological and societal developments;

Whereas BCLA is planning to undertake a review of its Values Statement;

Be it resolved that BCLA adopt and include Privacy as part of its Values Statement. Possible wording would be:

Privacy

BCLA recognizes that protecting the privacy of library patrons and staff is critical to upholding its stated values regarding access and inclusion, intellectual freedom, innovation and creativity, diversity, literacy and lifelong learning, and accountability. BCLA advocates for robust privacy protections within libraries and society at large.

5. Initiating Individual, Section, Committee or Interest Group

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8. BCLA Sections / Committees / Interest Groups Consulted (IF ANY)

The Information Policy Committee was consulted by email for resolution topics to put forward. This was one of the topics identified.

9. Endorsement by BCLA Sections / Committees / Interest Groups (IF ANY)

Members of the Information Policy Committee drafted and consulted on the text of this resolution.

10. Fiscal Implications (IF ANY)

n/a

11. If this resolution necessitates a change in an existing bylaw, state the bylaw and the change. If this resolution proposes a new bylaw, please state the new bylaw. See [BCLA constitution and by-laws](#) for updated Constitution and Bylaws.

n/a

12. If this resolution conflicts with an existing bylaw, state provisions for resolving the conflict.

n/a

13. If this resolution proposes a BCLA position statement, indicate the positions relation to libraries and library service.

n/a