

Samenvatting van de lezing van Keith Fiels,

Titel:

Libraries, privacy and freedom of access to information:
Lessons to be learned from ALA's experience with the Patriot Act

Keith Michael Fiels, Executive Director of the American Library Association, will talk about the relationship between user privacy and free access to information. The passage of the USA Patriot Act in 2001 intensified a growing struggle between libraries seeking to provide and preserve free access to information and the conflicting desire of government to restrict access to information, while at the same time seeking to gather information on library users. American libraries have taken a leadership role in challenging these changes, and have been thrust into the center of a controversy that will have a significant impact on the future of democracy in America.