Training Course on Cybersecurity Risk Management for Library Infrastructure

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Library Institute	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

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Course Objectives

1. Learn to identify, analyze, and prioritize **digital risks** specific to library environments.
2. Create and implement effective plans to manage and recover from **cyber incidents** and **data breaches**.
3. Ensure compliance with regulations like **GDPR** and protect **patron data confidentiality**.
4. Secure wired and wireless networks, including **firewalls**, **VPNs**, and **intrusion detection systems**.
5. Secure **cloud-based applications**, storage, and **SaaS platforms**.
6. Implement preventative measures and recovery strategies against **ransomware attacks** and **malware infections**.
7. Identify and remediate **system vulnerabilities** across hardware and software.
8. Educate staff and patrons on **cyber hygiene**, **phishing prevention**, and **social engineering** defenses.
9. Understand and apply **NIST CSF**, **ISO 27001**, and other relevant standards.
10. Investigate the role of **AI in cybersecurity**, **IoT security**, and **blockchain for data integrity**.
11. Implement **multi-factor authentication (MFA)** and **role-based access control (RBAC)**.
12. Ensure operational continuity during and after **cyber disruptions**.
13. Implement strategies to detect and prevent malicious or accidental data exfiltration.

Organizational Benefits

- Proactive identification and mitigation of threats significantly lower the likelihood and impact of cyber incidents.
- Secure sensitive patron information, fostering confidence and safeguarding the library's reputation.
- Adherence to data protection laws and cybersecurity standards avoids costly fines and legal repercussions.
- Effective incident response and business continuity planning ensure quick recovery from attacks, maintaining essential library services.
- Empowered and aware staff act as the first line of defense against cyber threats.
- Informed decisions on cybersecurity investments lead to more efficient and effective security posture.
- The ability to withstand and adapt to evolving cyber threats, ensuring long-term sustainability.

Target Audience

1. Library Directors and Administrators.
2. IT Managers and System Administrators in Libraries.
3. Librarians and Information Professionals.
4. Archivists and Special Collections Curators.
5. Data Stewards and Privacy Officers in Libraries
6. Public Relations and Communications Staff
7. Procurement and Vendor Management Teams
8. Anyone responsible for digital assets or patron data within a library setting.

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Module 1: Foundations of Cybersecurity Risk Management in Libraries

- Understanding the unique threat landscape for library infrastructure.
- Key concepts: assets, threats, vulnerabilities, and impact.
- Introduction to cybersecurity risk management frameworks (e.g., NIST CSF, ISO 27001).
- Defining the scope of risk management for diverse library services.
- **Case Study:** Analysis of a hypothetical **ransomware attack** on a public library's catalog system, paralyzing services and demanding payment.

Module 2: Identifying & Categorizing Library Information Assets

- Inventorying critical digital assets: patron databases, e-resources, digital archives.
- Classifying data sensitivity (PII, confidential, public).
- Mapping data flows within the library ecosystem (ILS, discovery systems, vendor platforms).
- Identifying physical infrastructure components susceptible to cyber threats.
- **Case Study:** Tracing the sensitive patron data flow in a university library, from registration to interlibrary loan requests, highlighting potential exposure points.

Module 3: Threat Intelligence & Vulnerability Assessment for Libraries

- Common cyber threats targeting libraries: phishing, malware, DDoS, insider threats.
- Understanding **vulnerability scanning** and penetration testing basics.
- Leveraging threat intelligence feeds relevant to the education and non-profit sectors.
- Analyzing attack vectors specific to library systems (e.g., public access computers, open Wi-Fi).
- **Case Study:** A **phishing campaign** targeting library staff, leading to credential compromise and unauthorized access to administrative systems.

Module 4: Risk Analysis & Prioritization for Library Systems

- Qualitative vs. quantitative risk analysis methods.
- Calculating risk likelihood and impact for library-specific scenarios.
- Developing a **risk matrix** tailored for library operations.
- Prioritizing risks based on organizational impact and resource availability.
- **Case Study:** A cost-benefit analysis for implementing a **multi-factor authentication (MFA)** system versus the potential financial and reputational losses from a data breach.

Module 5: Risk Mitigation Strategies for Library Infrastructure

- Implementing technical controls: **firewalls**, **antivirus**, patch management.
- Developing administrative controls: policies, procedures, and security awareness training.

- Exploring physical security measures for digital assets (server rooms, access control).
- Strategies for third-party vendor risk management and contract review.
- **Case Study:** A library's successful implementation of a comprehensive **data backup and recovery** plan to mitigate the impact of a data loss incident.

Module 6: Secure Network Design & Implementation for Libraries

- Network segmentation for enhanced security (e.g., guest Wi-Fi, staff networks).
- Securing remote access with **VPNs** and secure remote desktop protocols.
- Implementing strong wireless security (WPA3, secure authentication).
- Monitoring network traffic for suspicious activity (IDS/IPS).
- **Case Study:** Re-architecting a library's network to isolate public access computers from sensitive internal systems after a malware outbreak.

Module 7: Cloud Security & SaaS Protection in Library Services

- Understanding shared responsibility models in cloud computing.
- Securing library data and applications hosted on **cloud platforms**.
- Best practices for configuring cloud services for security and compliance.
- Evaluating the security posture of Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) providers (e.g., ILS vendors).
- **Case Study:** A library's migration to a **cloud-based Integrated Library System (ILS)** and the security considerations involved in vendor selection and data migration.

Module 8: Data Privacy, Governance & Compliance in Libraries

- Overview of **GDPR**, CCPA, and other relevant **data privacy laws**.
- Implementing **data minimization** and purpose limitation principles.
- Developing library privacy policies and user consent mechanisms.
- Managing data retention, access, and deletion protocols.
- **Case Study:** A library responding to a **data subject access request** under GDPR, demonstrating proper procedures for data retrieval and handling.

Module 9: Incident Response Planning (IRP) & Management

- Developing a comprehensive **incident response plan** tailored for libraries.
- Roles and responsibilities of the **Cybersecurity Incident Response Team (CSIRT)**.
- Phases of incident response: preparation, detection, containment, eradication, recovery, post-incident review.
- Effective communication strategies during a cyber incident.
- **Case Study:** A library's swift and effective response to a **denial-of-service (DoS) attack** on its online catalog, restoring service within hours.

Module 10: Business Continuity & Disaster Recovery for Cyber Resilience

- Integrating cybersecurity into the broader **Business Continuity Plan (BCP)**.
- Developing **Disaster Recovery (DR)** strategies for critical library systems.
- Regular testing and refinement of BCP and DR plans.
- Ensuring data availability and integrity during major disruptions.
- **Case Study:** A library recovering from a regional power outage that impacted its digital infrastructure, leveraging off-site backups and redundant systems.

Module 11: Insider Threat Detection & Data Loss Prevention (DLP)

- Identifying types of insider threats: malicious, negligent, compromised.

- Implementing **Data Loss Prevention (DLP)** technologies and policies.
- Monitoring user activity for suspicious behavior.
- Employee training on acceptable use policies and data handling.
- **Case Study:** An employee inadvertently uploading sensitive patron data to a public cloud storage service, and the library's DLP measures flagging and preventing the leak.

Module 12: Cybersecurity Awareness & Training Programs

- Designing engaging and effective **cyber awareness training** for all staff.
- Developing targeted training for specific roles (e.g., IT staff, circulation desk).
- Creating public education campaigns for patrons on **digital literacy** and online safety.
- Leveraging phishing simulations and security drills.
- **Case Study:** A successful library-wide **phishing awareness campaign** that significantly reduced successful phishing attempts among staff.

Module 13: Emerging Cyber Threats & Technologies for Libraries

- Understanding the implications of **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** in both attacking and defending library systems.
- Securing **Internet of Things (IoT)** devices within the library infrastructure (e.g., smart shelves, public displays).
- Exploring the potential of **blockchain for data integrity** and authentication in digital archives.
- Introduction to **post-quantum cryptography** and its future impact on data protection.
- **Case Study:** Evaluating the security risks of deploying smart self-checkout kiosks that connect to the library network and collect patron data.

Module 14: Cybersecurity Frameworks & Best Practices in Practice

- Deep dive into applying the **NIST Cybersecurity Framework** to library operations.
- Practical implementation of controls from **ISO 27001** and CIS Controls.
- Developing a continuous improvement plan for library cybersecurity.
- Benchmarking security posture against industry best practices.
- **Case Study:** A library achieving initial certification in **ISO 27001**, detailing the steps and challenges involved in the process.

Module 15: Building a Resilient Library Cybersecurity Program

- Developing a long-term **cybersecurity strategy** for the library.
- Budgeting for cybersecurity investments and ongoing maintenance.
- Fostering collaboration with external security experts and law enforcement.
- Measuring the effectiveness of the cybersecurity program.
- **Case Study:** A library establishing a dedicated **Cybersecurity Committee** with representatives from various departments to ensure holistic security governance.

Training Methodology

This course employs a **blended learning approach** to maximize engagement and knowledge retention for adult learners. Methodologies include:

- **Interactive Lectures & Discussions:** Facilitating knowledge transfer and encouraging peer-to-peer learning.

- **Hands-on Workshops & Labs:** Practical exercises simulating real-world cybersecurity scenarios relevant to library systems.
- **Case Study Analysis:** In-depth examination of actual or hypothetical cyber incidents in library contexts to apply learned concepts.
- **Group Activities & Problem-Solving:** Collaborative work on risk assessments, incident response planning, and policy development.
- **Guest Speakers:** Industry experts and cybersecurity professionals sharing real-world insights and emerging trends.
- **Role-Playing Simulations:** Practicing incident response and communication strategies in a safe environment.
- **Resource Sharing:** Providing access to templates, checklists, and relevant cybersecurity standards.
- **Q&A Sessions:** Dedicated time for addressing specific challenges and questions.

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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

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Online	$2,000
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	$3,000
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