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The Library Association of the City University of New York

Please Join Us
for the fourth annual

LACUNY Dialogues: A Town Hall Meeting

Privacy & Libraries: Where are We Now?

Librarians have been concerned about the privacy of their patrons' reading habits since at least the 1950's. Recently, the USA PATRIOT Act has challenged our understanding of what we can or must do to protect our patrons' privacy, and library involvement with social networking sites should make us reconsider the concept of "library records." Bonnie Nelson will discuss the New York State Law on Confidentiality of Library Records and the USA PATRIOT Act; Polly Thistlethwaite will talk about real-life privacy issues at the Circulation and Reference Desks; and Anamika Dasgupta will discuss the paradox of privacy and the role of libraries in social networking. Lively discussion should follow.

Facilitators:

Anamika Dasgupta, York College

Bonnie Nelson, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Polly Thistlethwaite, Graduate Center

Friday, January 18, 2008

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Lehman College

Leonard Lief Library

Treehouse Conference Room, Third Floor

Bronx, New York

Travel directions: <http://www.lehman.edu/lehman/about/directions.html>

A light breakfast will be served!

RSVP to: Beth Evans, bevans@brooklyn.cuny.edu by Monday, January 14, 2008