Protecting users' privacy in academic libraries in Egypt: a field study

Review

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Abstract

The study aims to identify and analyse the policies for protecting the privacy of patrons' data in Arabic and international academic libraries, study the legislation governing these policies. In order to achieve the objectives of the study, the descriptive analytical method has been used to assemble the policies of protecting data privacy of patrons of international academic libraries, and to study the current situation of academic libraries in Egypt. This is attained by using a set of data collection tools, the most important of which are the personal interviews, checklists, and questionnaires.

The study concludes with a number of results, the most important of which are:

1. illustrates the importance of using specialists in the field of libraries and information for their significance in raising awareness of the importance of protecting data privacy in academic libraries in Egyptian universities.

2. Establishing policies to protect the privacy of beneficiary data in Egyptian academic libraries.

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