



NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

National Cyber Security Awareness Month: Our Shared Responsibility What Libraries Can Do

Libraries are a wonderful resource for communities. They provide endless volumes of information, a quiet haven in which to study, and education programs for the public. For many, the local library has also become the place to access computers and the Internet. As a result, libraries have the opportunity to become an information source on how to be safe and secure online. Consider doing the following during National Cyber Security Awareness Month:

- Ensure that all computers used by the library have updated security software (anti-spyware, anti-virus, and firewall), web browsers, and operating systems.
- Set up filtering tools on every computer in the library to prevent kids from visiting harmful Web sites.
- Post NCSAM posters around the library (available at <http://www.staysafeonline.org/content/posters-and-more>).
- Keep a supply of StaySafeOnline brochures at the check-out desk and by the computers (available at http://www.staysafeonline.org/files/NCSAM/PalmCard_FINAL.pdf).
- Encourage your library to order more books about cybersafety and security for patrons of all ages.
- Hold a brown bag lunch for library employees to review your computer security and acceptable use policies.
- Host a series of cybersecurity educational events for your patrons. Consider programs for parents, children, home users and older adults.
- Learn more at www.staysafeonline.org.
- Become a fan of the National Cyber Security Alliance's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/staysafeonline).