

## How to Think Like a Librarian definitions

**American Library Association:** A non-profit library promotion and services organization representing North American libraries, their interests, and their readers.

**Bill of Rights:** The American Library Association's seven guidelines protecting the rights of library users and their intellectual freedom.

**Censorship:** The suppression of speech, public communication, or other information.

**Chilling Effect:** The inhibition or discouragement of the legitimate exercise of natural and legal rights by the threat of legal sanction.

**Confidentiality:** The state of keeping or being kept secret or private.

**Ethics:** Moral principles governing an individual's behavior; Guides an individual's understanding of "right" and "wrong".

**Intellectual Freedom:** The right of every individual to both seek and receive information from all points of view without restriction.

**Privacy:** Broadly speaking, the right to be left alone, or freedom from interference or intrusion.

**Self-Censorship:** The act of censoring or classifying one's own discourse.