About the Privacy SIG

The distributed nature of FOLIO apps calls for special care in the storage and inter-module sharing of personally identifiable information (PII). The SIG will review user interface design, data storage, Okapi platform design, and inter-module communication for concerns related to the privacy of PII (minimal collection of PII and technical limitations that make PII available only to parts of the system that need it). As the platform develops, PRIV-SIG members create guidance for operations staff on architecture and configuration options that provide a best effort for protecting PII. PRIV-SIG members will also be a resource for other SIGs when questions about privacy arise and a resource for assistance with privacy assessments at institutions installing FOLIO and the core FOLIO apps. SIG members should be generally aware of professional practices (such as ALA’s Privacy Toolkit, NISO’s Consensus Principles on Users’ Digital Privacy in Library, Publisher, and Software-Provider Systems, and IFLA’s Statement on Privacy in the Library Environment) and regional requirements (such as the European Union data protection regulations and directive).

Commitments

- The working group will meet weekly for several months to review Release 2018 requirements, then occasionally as new agenda items require.
- SIG members will be called upon as experts in other FOLIO SIGs to make presentations, review documentation and code, and answer questions about privacy needs.
- A SIG member will serve as the convener of the SIG (see definition in the Product Council SIG documentation), a SIG member will be asked to participate on the FOLIO Forum Facilitators SIG (details), and a SIG member will be asked to report progress to the Product Council. One or more than one person may fill each of these roles, and a person may fill more than one role.
- Participants are expected to have knowledge or access to knowledge about professional practices and regional requirements.

SIG Type: Topical Group (discussion group to take up a subject of interest)