

Criminalization 202 for Info Workers Resources

Abortion Criminalization

Library Freedom Project ([resources](#))

- [Reproductive health access in the library](#): Assessing risks related to seeking information about reproductive care, and strategies to mitigate those risks.
- Evaluating Health Information ([English](#) and [Spanish](#)): Basic guidance about assessing health information regarding bias, accuracy, and privacy.

Disrupting & Resisting Immigration Enforcement

Immigrant Legal Resource Center

- [Red Cards / Tarjetas Rojas](#): Quick reference about the rights that all people (regardless of immigration status) have and how to exercise these rights.

American Library Association ([resources](#))

- [Libraries and Immigration Enforcement](#): Basic overview of ICE enforcement and reminders about protecting patron privacy. Updated February 2025.
- [Responding to law enforcement in the library](#): One-page guidance (not legal advice) on responding to cops operating in the library.

Make the Road NY

- [Deportation Defense Manual](#): Create a plan of action to protect immigrant communities targeted by ICE. Includes strategies, rights information, and concrete steps to supporting folks after an ICE raid

Defend and Recruit

- [Immigration Defense Workbook](#): Guide for supporting communities via rapid response networks.
- [Community Defense Resource Hub](#): Compilation of documents, graphics, and videos covering topics from Know Your Rights to organizing tools.

De-Escalation

Community Justice Action Committee, BPL

- [De-escalation Skillshare Workbook](#): Exercises, strategies, and resources for practicing de-escalation and building up skills with others via skillshares.

Interrupting Criminalization

- [Abolitionist Bystander Intervention & De-Escalation pocket zine for youth](#): Basic strategies and suggestions for practice, for young people. Written by JJ Skolnik.

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Staying connected

Prison Library Support Network

- Abolitionist Futures Monthly Discussion Group (2nd Mondays):
<https://plsn-nyc.tumblr.com/discussiongroup>

For The People: A Leftist Library Project

- [Library Action Resources](#): Tools and public education materials for strengthening public libraries through community action
- [Get Involved with FTP](#): Request information about future [Candidate Cohorts](#) (12 weeks of training on pursuing appointment or election to your local library board)

Interrupting Criminalization

- [Criminalization 101 for Information Workers](#): Workshop recording, graphic notes, and resources from 2023.
- [Arrested at The Library: Policing the Stacks](#): A brief history of the partnerships between libraries and police, by Mariame Kaba. Released 3/27/25
- [Criminalizing Librarians: Threats and Realities](#): Essay by Mariame Kaba about the history of librarians as state targets for repression, and examples of library workers pushing back. Released 3/27/25

Project NIA

- [Building Your Abolitionist Toolbox](#): Multimedia resources from workshops on a range of topics, aimed at skilling up our communities for abolitionist organizing.

Abolitionist Library Association

- [Get Involved](#): Sign up for AbLA's listserv, attend meetings, and participate in special working groups.

Recent news

Book Riot: [“Librarian Criminalization Bills are Growing, But Not New”](#) (March 2025)

City News (Vancouver, BC): [“Protest over VPL policy preventing staff from wearing Palestinian symbols”](#) (March 2025)

San Fernando Sun: [“Van Nuys Library Highlights Palestinian Culture with ‘Read Palestine Week’”](#) (December 2024)