

SERENE-RISC Free Cybersecurity training resources for Libraries

The Smart Security Network (SERENE-RISC), <https://www.serene-risc.ca> is a group hosted by the University of Montreal. It is federally funded under the National Centres of Excellence Knowledge Mobilization initiative(http://www.nce-rce.gc.ca/Programs-Programmes/NCEKM-RCEMC/Index_eng.asp) to focus on the improving the issue of cybersecurity through building and supporting networks of researchers, experts, government, industry and improving the standard and exchange of knowledge.

Cybersecurity is an issue for everyone so we see a role for everyone in addressing the issue. We are aware of the tremendous role libraries play as educators and trusted sources of knowledge. We found that libraries are doing their best to support technology and are often doing such a good job that they are the primary source of Internet access, technical support and practical information for not only the public generally, but those that might be at greater risk online.

With the support of Public Safety Canada, we have developed interactive training tools using leading edge Canadian research provided by our national network of academic, government and industry partners and are available free of charge to enable libraries and community centres across Canada to offer instruction to the public on the best practices for staying safe and secure online.

The training program is designed to be delivered in libraries and community centres. It consists of a number of flexible modules that can be either presented together as a course or combined with other training to augment existing programs that you have. The resources include trainer guides, classroom handouts, planning tools and a multimedia website with videos, mini-quizzes etc. All of the resources are freely available. These modules can also be used to augment any existing information technology training sessions where appropriate. The resources are all online at <https://www.cybersec101.ca>.

We are committed to making sure that the program results in the resources finding a practical use across the country and have been contacting librarians, delivering training in libraries and providing advice and assistance to the greatest extent possible under our grant. To ensure that we provide some form of assistance to all libraries we will be providing livestreamed interactive presentations in both French and English on the resources and ways that they can be easily implemented or integrated in library programming