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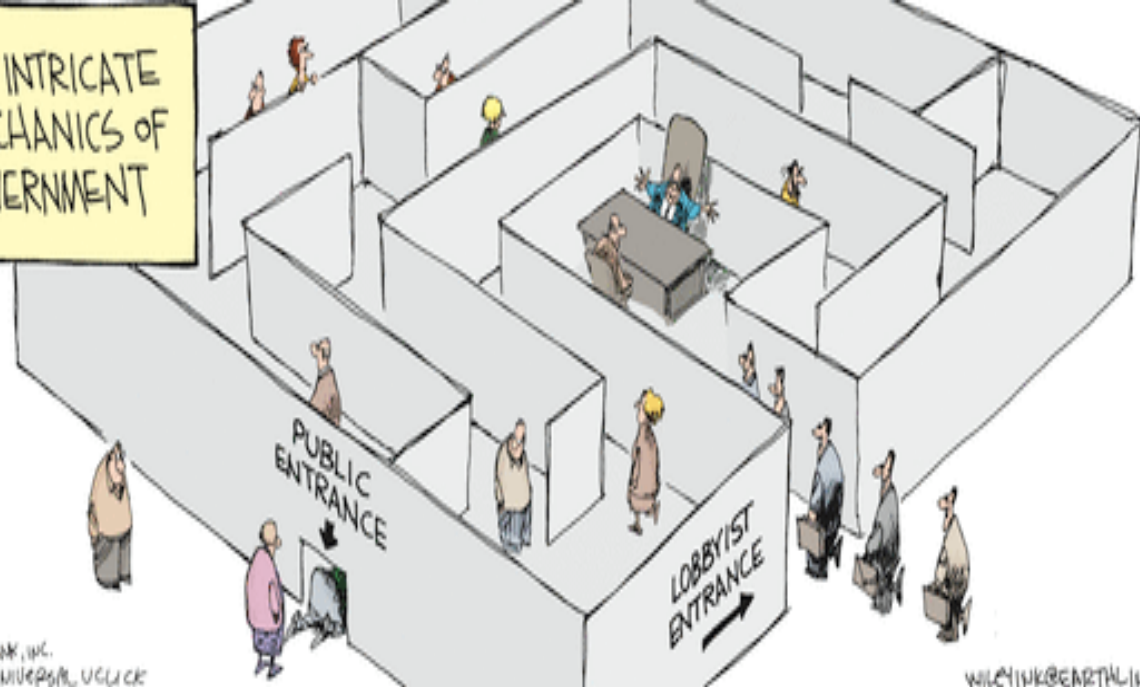
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## KEY LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE ISSUES IN THE 114<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS

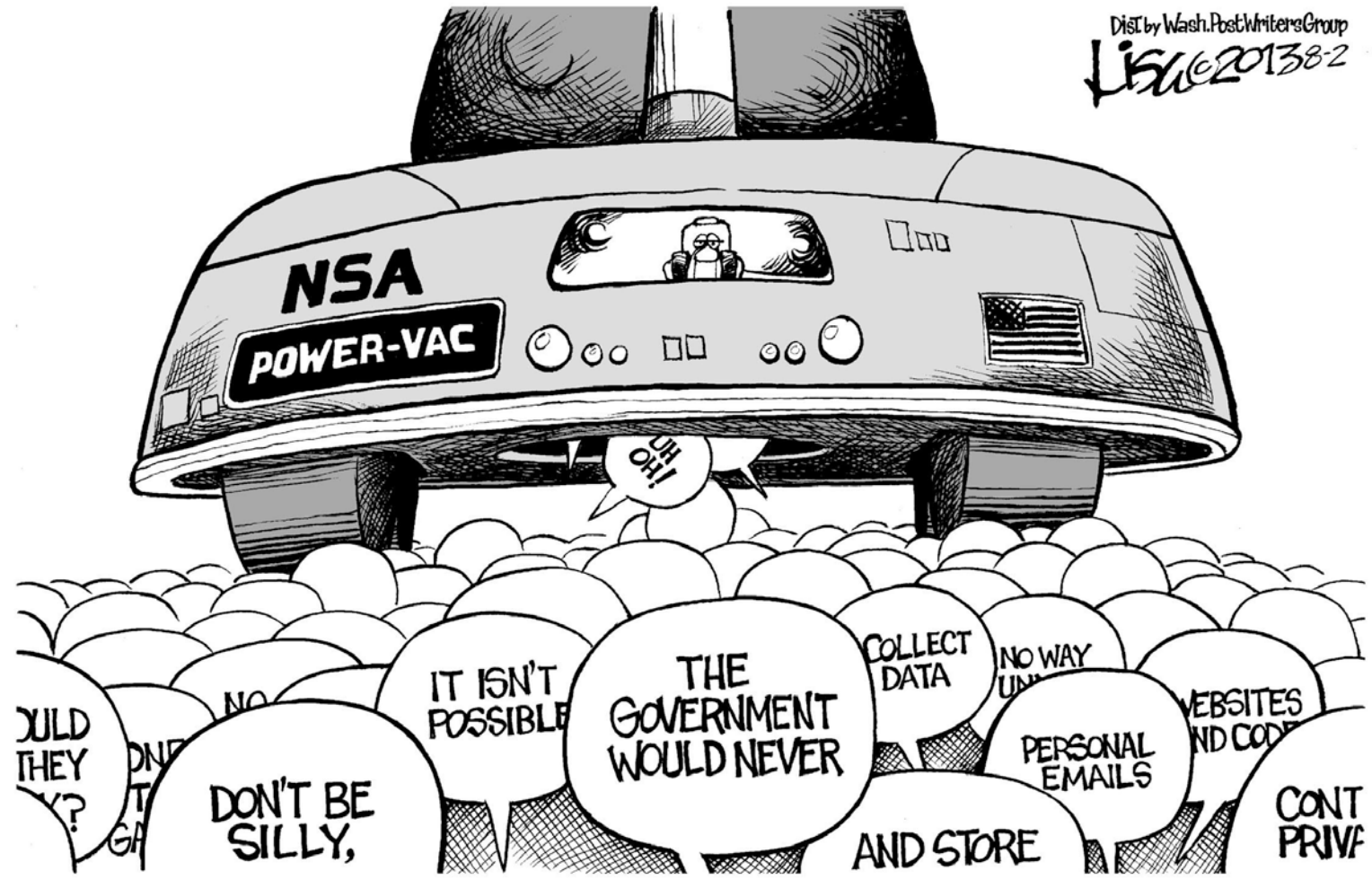
**APPROPRIATIONS** – Support full funding of \$186.6 million for the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) in the FY 2016 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill and maintain level funding of \$25 million for the Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL) program. *LSTA helps target library services to people of many geographic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds, to disabled individuals, and to people with limited literacy skills. Half of all IAL funds provide school library materials to low-income communities.*

**SCHOOL LIBRARIES** – Reauthorize and revise the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) to require that every student have access to an “effective school library program,” *defined in statute to require that: every school library be staffed by a certified librarian; equipped with up-to-date materials and technology; and enriched by a curriculum jointly developed by a grantee school’s librarians and classroom teachers. ALA also strongly supports permitting state program funds to be used to recruit and train school librarians.*

**PRIVACY & SURVEILLANCE** – Restore the Constitutional privacy rights of library users and all Americans lost to overbroad, invasive and insufficiently “checked and balanced” provisions of the: USA PATRIOT, Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act Amendments (FISA), and Electronic Communications Privacy Acts (ECPA). *Librarians have long defended patrons against government attempts to obtain patrons’ borrowing and internet use records without a warrant believing that liberty need and must not be sacrificed to security. Building on the USA FREEDOM Act, ALA strongly supports immediate passage of the ECPA Amendments Act of 2015 and rapid reform of Sec. 702 of FISA.*

**GOVERNMENT INFORMATION** – Pass “FASTR,” the Fair Access to Science and Technology Research (S. 779/H.R. 1477), the FOIA Improvement Act (S. 337) and statutorily ensure public access to unique collections held by the National Technical Information Service (NTIS). *ALA is strongly committed to: no-fee access to all government-funded information and to robust support for all federal libraries and archives; maximum public access to information, government transparency and accountability; and funding for a single repository for the unique scientific and technical collections now held by the NTIS sufficient to permit this vital data to continue to be fully preserved and made universally available to the public on a cost-recovery basis.*

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# **PRIVACY, SURVEILLANCE, CYBERSECURITY & ENCRYPTION**





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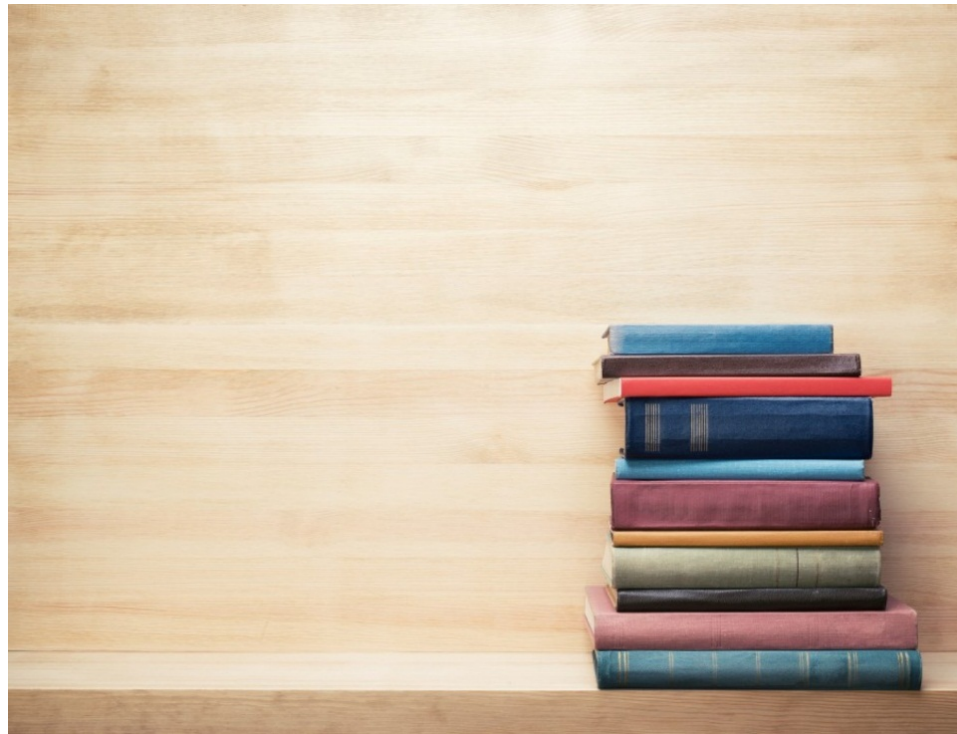


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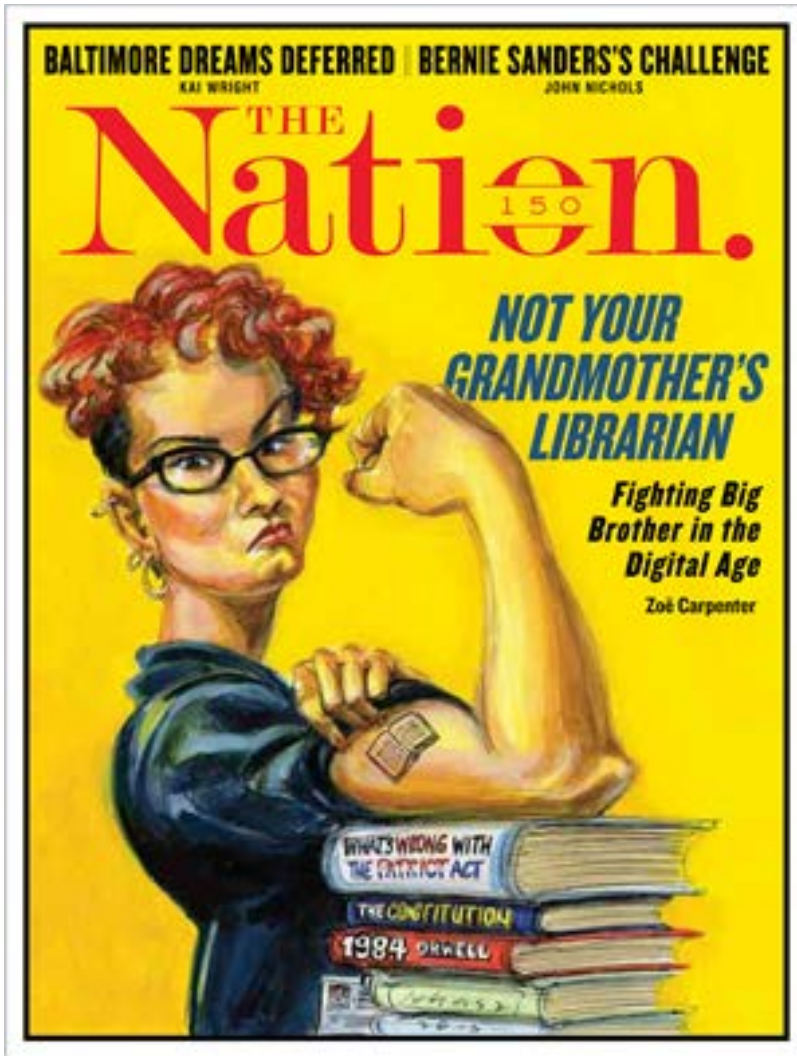
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Your local library is on the front lines against government surveillance.

By Zoë Carpenter

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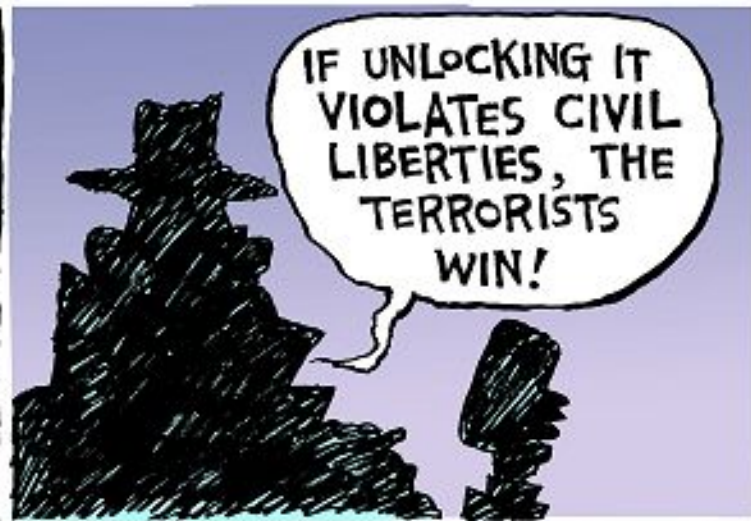


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