Presents:
Ask the Expert About
Library Safety and Security
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Salt Lake City Main Public Library
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The man accused of stabbing a 22-year-old woman to death in the Winchester Public Library was sent to a state maximum security psychiatric hospital after Middlesex County Jail personnel determined he was too mentally ill for the county facility, the Boston Globe reported.

Jeffrey Yao, 23, was arrested Saturday after he allegedly stabbed 22-year-old Deane Kenny Stryker 20 times as she sat in the library. Yao was subdued by bystanders.
The Texarkana Police reported that Javier Perez, 26, was taken into custody for aggravated sexual assault of a child. It was reported that a staff librarian observed Perez follow an 11 year old boy into the Men’s Room. The Librarian summoned a male employee to go into the restroom to check on them and he observed two sets of legs in a locked stall with their pants down around their ankles. Perez fled the library but was captured a short distance away.
Amber Clark, Library supervisor, 41, gunned down in North Natomas Public Library parking lot months after altercation with the suspect. Clark was reportedly shot multiple times while sitting in her vehicle in the library parking lot.

The suspect, Ronald Seay, 56, was taken into custody early Wednesday morning following a short and slower speed police chase in Natomas.

Seay had been issued a no trespass warning from the facility on October 13th following a disturbance. It was reported the victim, Clark, had some interaction with Seay during that incident.
Three Principle Factors in Promoting a Safe Library

- An Engaged and Security Conscious Staff
- Quality Customer Service
- The Enforcement of Codes of Conduct
Increased technology doesn't increase situational awareness.
What is Situational Awareness?

Being consciously aware of your surroundings, identifying potential problems, threats or hazards and developing, implementing or supporting a plan of action to address that concern.
Three Common Barriers of Situational Awareness

Apathy – personal lack of interest or concern

Complacency - comfortable/unaware, self/smug satisfaction w/existing situation

Denial – basic refusal to accept the truth or the obvious
“Ten Seconds To Safety”  
(Dr. Kenneth Wolf, PHD)

- Arriving & Leaving a location
  Take 2 Seconds to look around

- Before getting out of your car
  Take 2 Seconds to scan the area

- Approaching your destination
  Take 2 seconds to scan for unusual activities

- At the door
  Take 2 seconds to look inside and around you. Are you being followed?

- As you enter
  Take 2 seconds to see if anything is out of place, unusual or suspicious.
Questions ?