

**O.P. NORTON
INFORMATION
RESOURCES CENTER**



**25 YEARS OF
INFORMATION SERVICES
TO ASIS MEMBERS**

August 2009: IRC Celebrates 25 Years

Rewind to 1984, a year of Reaganism, shoulder pads, and *Miami Vice*. We see a small office, a few boxes and shelves of books on security. This was the beginning of what would become the O. P. Norton Information Resources Center (IRC) at ASIS Headquarters.

The dream of Perry Norton, CPP, former executive director of the American Society for Industrial Security—now ASIS International—these personal books of Perry's started today's IRC. Twenty-five years later, the library's collection contained more than 20,000 cataloged printed materials (including books, reports, and other documents), as well as 8,000 audiotapes and more than 1,000 videotapes, DVDs, and CDs, covering more than 800 subject areas of security.



The IRC's mission is to be the primary security information source for ASIS members and other security professionals. During the past quarter century, IRC staff assisted ASIS members with more than 45,000 replies to their inquiries and requests on security-related topics. More than 20,000 security resources were cataloged or indexed in several databases, all of which are available to members via the ASIS web site. At least one-fourth of all ASIS members used this important membership benefit in their professional work.

While celebrating the library's 25th Anniversary, IRC staff also began the work of organizing and cataloging the Association's Archives, which is a collection of original papers and documents. The goal of the Archives is to preserve ASIS history: to recognize and remember members and their contributions to the profession of security.

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