



IFRT Membership Up 12%!

Every month, we receive reports about ALA membership, including itemized reports of round table members. Last month, we saw a 12.3% increase in personal IFRT membership over last year. That brings us to 1,205 proud IFRT members standing against censorship.

Learn more about the IFRT Membership Committee...



Gerald Hodges Intellectual Freedom Chapter Relations Award

IFRT is seeking nominations for its 2018 Gerald Hodges Intellectual Freedom Chapter Relations Award. The Hodges Award recognizes an intellectual freedom focused organization that has developed a strong multi-year, ongoing program or a single, one-year project that exemplifies support for intellectual freedom, patron confidentiality and anti-censorship efforts. The award consists of \$1,000 and a citation. The deadline for nominations is Jan. 1, 2018.

Submit an online nomination form...

Do You Stand for the Banned?

Banned Books Week is just around the corner, and the American Library Association has a number of resources to help you celebrate. Check out the [Free Downloads page](#) for images, coloring sheets and GIFs, and the [ALA Store](#) for Banned Books Week buttons, mugs, posters and T-shirts. Order your materials by Sept. 5 using standard shipping to make sure you get them in time!



For program inspiration, head over to the homepage of the [Rebel Reader Twitter Tournament](#), a new ALA activity that combines social media with banned book awareness. Users who post eligible tweets during Banned Books Week with the hashtag #RebelReader are entered into a drawing for literary swag bags. Libraries that sign up as partners of the Tournament receive a digital toolkit and are also entered into a giveaway for intellectual freedom prizes!

[Learn more about being a Rebel Reader partner...](#)



Back to the Classroom

School is back in session, which means it's time to brush up on Intellectual Freedom 101. This month, Booklist is hosting a "Back to School" webinar, where publishers will introduce great classroom titles and Office for Intellectual Freedom Assistant Director Kristin Pekoll will answer all your questions about Banned Books Week. In September, Kristin will return to your screens for a free webinar titled "[Intellectual Freedom is Not Just About Censorship](#)," sponsored by Mackin Educational Resources.

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