Get Involved with IFRT: Join a Committee!

Are you bursting with new ideas for the round table? Have a knack for planning events? How about a passion for educating others about intellectual freedom?

IFRT Chair-elect Charles Kratz is accepting applications from IFRT members to serve on all IFRT committees. The deadline to complete the Committee Volunteer Form is June 12, 2017.

Learn more and submit the form...

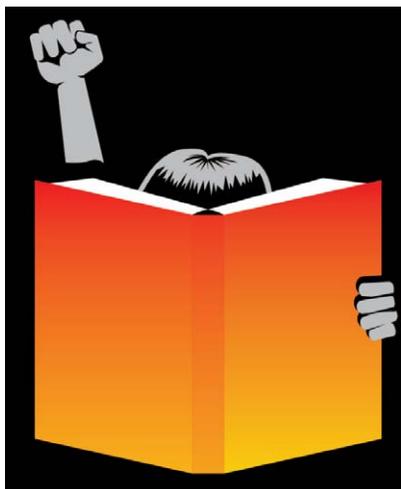# How to Have an Intellectual Freedom-themed ALA Conference

With two meetings, a reception and a program, IFRT offers many opportunities for members to meet face-to-face and get involved with the round table. At the meetings, learn more about the IFRT budget and what's in store for next year. During the IFRT Reception & Member Social, chat with other members over drinks and food, and honor the IFRT award winners. At the "Intellectual Freedom and Open Access" program, discover how OA publishing is used in the library community (and grab some complimentary bagels and coffee!).

Download an intellectual freedom calendar and learn more about #alaac17 sessions...

Protect the Right to Read: Volunteer at ALA Conference!

Help readers voice their literary liberties by volunteering at the Stand for the Banned recording booth (June 24 and 25) at ALA Annual Conference in Chicago.

During Stand for the Banned, conference-goers pick their

favorite banned book from a bookshelf and discuss how it has impacted their life on camera. Volunteers will greet participants and hand out giveaways. Meet other intellectual freedom fighters; score some banned book swag; and defend your right to read!

Learn more and submit the volunteer form...

Share Your Program Ideas

Share your passion and knowledge of intellectual freedom issues! ALA Conference Services is accepting program proposals for the 2018 ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans.

For the first time, proposals will be accepted via one submission site for all ALA divisions, round tables, committees and offices. Programs at the Annual Conference are one-hour educational sessions on a topic relevant to the library profession. Submissions are open to anyone, regardless of ALA membership status. All applicants are required to have an ALA profile, but are not required to be ALA members. The deadline to submit content is Aug. 25, 2017 at midnight (CST).

Learn more...

What's Going on in IFRT?

Fun fact: In 1974, IFRT hosted Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein of the Washington Post to share their dramatic story in a program titled, "Freedom of the Press: Triumph at Watergate."

Every year, the Publication Committee compiles all the activity of the round table into the "IFRT Report" to share with membership and to archive for posterity. Chair Eric Johnson from Miami University proudly presents Issue 79. It includes annual conference activities, award winners and ways to get involved in the promotion of intellectual freedom for the librarian profession!

Learn more...

Ethics in LIS Curricula Webinar

Take advantage of your access to free eLearning! Join Freedom to Read Foundation President Martin Garnar for this study of ethics education in LIS programs. Attendees will

- gain an understanding of the current landscape for ethics education in LIS courses
- hear and discuss the needs for LIS education
- share their own educational experiences

The webinar will be presented live on Thursday, May 25 at 1 p.m. CST. Take the opportunity to be a part of the conversation about one of the core values of our profession. If you can't make it during that hour, register now and receive an email after the webinar with a link to watch the recording.

Learn more and register...

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