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Intellectual Freedom Highlights

- Webinar: [Intellectual freedom is not just about censorship!](#) | Wednesday, Sept 13, 2017 @ 5 - 6 pm EDT, presented by Michelle Luhtala and Kristin Pekoll
- [New Banned Books Week opportunity: Partner with OIF for #RebelReader Twitter tournament!](#) | OIF Blog; "During Banned Books Week, OIF is hosting a Rebel Reader Twitter Tournament and your library is invited to partner with us! Among the many benefits, partner libraries receive a digital tool kit and are entered into a drawing for intellectual freedom prizes."

Censorship

- [Board member opposes Fishers High School students reading 'The Kite Runner'](#) | Indy Star
- [Conejo school board president alone in opposition to Sherman Alexie book](#) | Ventura County Star; "At the board meeting on Tuesday, the Conejo Valley Unified School District trustees approved *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* for ninth grade reading."
- [Library's LGBT displays draw some ire - nearly two months later](#) | Temple Daily Telegram (TX)
- ["Hardline sexual ideology": West Fargo Public Library refuses to remove LGBT book display](#) | KVRR (ND)
- [Kearney School District removes 2 gay students' quotes from yearbook](#) | KCTV5.com (MO)

Privacy [READ MORE](#)

- [With smart toys, kids' privacy is at play](#) | School Library Journal
- [International privacy experts adopt statements on e-learning, intelligence gathering](#) | EPIC

See [this week's privacy updates](#) on the [Choose Privacy Week](#) blog.

Net Neutrality [READ MORE](#)

- [How the end of net neutrality could affect your wallet](#) | US News & World Report
- [FCC extends net neutrality comment period by two weeks \(Aug 30\)](#) | The Verge

Internet Filters [READ MORE](#)

- [Academic freedom triumphs over internet filtering policy](#) | OIF Blog; "Peg Johnson, the library director at Santa Fe Community College, explains how she worked to change the campus' policy on filtering content on the library's computers."

Academic Freedom/ Campus Speech [READ MORE](#)

- [White nationalist Richard Spencer's request to speak at U. of C. rejected](#) | DNA Info
- [U. of Florida denies white supremacist Richard Spencer's request for event space](#) | The Chronicle of Higher Education
- [Authority is constructed and contextual](#) | OIF Blog

First Amendment Issues [READ MORE](#)

- [Interactive Constitution: The meaning of free speech](#) | The Constitution Center
- [The states trying to pass laws protecting drivers who hit protesters](#) | CityLab
- [White Supremacists are waging a war against public space](#) | Citylab
- [The Chilling Effects of Openly Displayed Firearms](#) | The Atlantic
- [Protest is legal. Intimidation is different](#) | Crain's Chicago Business

Hate Speech [READ MORE](#)

- [Charlottesville is reshaping the fight against online hate](#) | The Verge
- [Supreme Court unanimously reaffirms: There is no 'hate speech' exception to the First Amendment](#) | The Washington Post (article from June 19, 2017)
- [There is no hate speech exception to the First Amendment](#) | The Boston Globe
- ['Freedom' is best response to white supremacy hatemongers](#) | Newseum Institute
- [Who are the antifa?: President Trump equated them with the white supremacists. Here's why he's wrong.](#) | The Washington Post
- [ACLU takes heat for its free-speech defense of white supremacist group](#) | CNN Politics

Around the Web [READ MORE](#)

- [A Texas assistant principal wrote an alt-right children's book](#) | Motherboard
- [FCC censorship rules vary for broadcast, cable, and streaming](#) | Variety
- [Escondido library privatization? No: Maintain public control](#) | The San Diego Union-Tribune (CA)
- [Libraries obsolete? No way, say Millennials.](#) | The Christian Science Monitor
- [The problem with reading levels](#) | OIF Blog

International Issues [READ MORE](#)

- [Fanny Hill: Why would anyone ban the racy novel about 'a woman of pleasure'?](#) | The Guardian (UK)
- [250-year-old novel banned by a university because it's 'too racy'](#) | The London Economic
- [It matters that school libraries are closing - not just for reading but for helping young lives in need](#) | iNews (UK)

ALA News

- [ALA condemns racism and violence in Charlottesville](#) | ALA news
- [Online Webinar: Back to School](#) | Tuesday, Aug 29 @ 1 pm Central; Will feature new books and an update on Banned Books Week



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