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

- 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

- 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

- 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
• 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

• 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

• 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

• 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

• 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
Unsubscribe from all future ALA mailings.