Intellectual Freedom Highlights

- **OIF by the numbers** | Intellectual Freedom Blog; "Celebrating its 50th anniversary this December, the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom was founded to ‘promote and protect the interests of intellectual freedom.’ [...] Below are a few stats that highlight the work we’re proud to continue, and the obstacles our team is determined to tackle with your support."

- **Brooklyn, Queens, and New York Public Libraries Launch a New Digital Privacy Initiative** | Choose Privacy Week

Censorship

- **Breaking:** The Hate U Give Banned by Katy, Texas School District | Book Riot
- **Parents respond with outrage to book assigned to high schoolers in Baltimore** | WBAL TV11 (MD)
- **Cody High School urged to keep acclaimed book in school library** | National Coalition Against Censorship
- **New law makes it legal to challenge assigned reading in schools** | (FL)

Privacy

- ALA joins the ACLU and 35 other nonprofit and civil society groups to [sign a letter](https://www.alastart.org/campaigns/fisa-amendments-reauthorization-act-letter) urging Congress to reject the "FISA Amendments Reauthorization Act of 2017," which would expand Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, and other surveillance authorities.
- **Justices seem ready to boost protection of digital privacy** | New York Times
- **Extreme digital vetting of visitors to the U.S. moves forward under a new name** | ProPublica
- **Amid attacks, teachers weigh their safety against student privacy** | Pew Charitable Trust Stateline
- See this week’s additional privacy news and updates on the [Choose Privacy Week](https://www.chooseprivacyweek.org) blog.

Access

- **Don't stop the presses! When local news struggles, democracy withers** | Wired
- **National library partnership tackles health literacy gap** | Library Journal
- **New findings for Every Child Ready to Read in public libraries** | American Libraries

Hate Crimes in Libraries

- **Racist graffiti gound in NYU library** | NYU Local

Net Neutrality and Broadband Access

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Here's how the end of net neutrality will change the internet | Wired

- FCC's plan to dismantle net neutrality rules raises serious concerns for educators | EdScoop
- FCC explains why public support for net neutrality won't stop repeal | Ars Technica
- Net neutrality supporters plan nationwide protests on December 7 | Ars Technica

**Academic Freedom/ Campus Speech**

- University of Nebraska faculty confronts attacks on academic freedom | Daily Nebraskan
- Berkeley law prof slams efforts to ban 'hate speech' at Cornell | Campus Reform
- Rutgers president says anti-Semitic remarks by professors protected by 'academic freedom' | FOox News
- Far-right speaker is arrested at U. of Connecticut after physical confrontation | Chronicle of Higher Education

**First Amendment Issues**

- Using 'Free Speech' to Trump Civil Rights | The Atlantic
- Drawing a Line in the 'Gay Wedding Cake' Case | New York Times
- 'Revenge porn' bill would criminalize posting nude photos without consent nationwide | Mashable
- Owner of truck with vulgar anti-Trump sticker arrested on outstanding warrant | Fox News
- Supreme Court declines to take up prayers at school board meetings | Education Week
- High court to examine Minnesota law banning all political speech near polls | Newseum

**Around the Web**

- IFRT Interviews Erin Kennedy, Idaho’s IFC Chair | Intellectual Freedom Blog
- Some parents want "In Ned's Head" out of school libraries | Kezi.com (OR)
- Watch live as City Club forum discusses censorship in schools | Cleveland.com
- Nude art and censorship laid bare | CNN

**International Issues**

- Library cancels anti-Islam film screening | CBC News
- Controversial children's book Into The River's racy content inspires law change | New Zealand Herald
- This mum wants Sleeping Beauty removed from her child's curriculum | BBC
- Zimbabwean scholars hope for academic freedom and new leaders | Times Higher Education
- Dan Brown's Da Vinci Code banned in Turkish prison due to emergency rule | Turkey Purge

**ALA News**

- ALA announces winners of the 2017 I Love My Librarian Award
- Applications available for ALA Awards and Grants