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Intellectual Freedom Highlights

- **Teach the talk, don't ban the book** | OIF Blog; "Intellectual freedom advocates need to do our part to reject the sensationalization of censorship. It’s not enough to lament the restriction of a book on social media or grumble about schools’ decisions."
- **The Right to Write: OIF Blogging Opportunities for 2018** | Intellectual Freedom Blog; "The American Library Association’s Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF) is seeking bloggers for 2018!"

Censorship

- **Trustee takes on book policy** | Thousand Oaks Acorn (Conejo Valley, CA)
- **University chooses dialogue, not censorship, for controversial mural** | Waco Tribune-Herald
- **Texas education officials reject another Mexican-American studies textbook** | The Texas Tribune
- **Parents want sex-ed magazine pulled out of Pinelands Junior High** | Asbury Park Press (NJ)

Privacy

- **ALA joins 45 privacy, civil rights, and human rights organizations** to urge opposition to the Senate Intelligence Committee’s bill to reauthorize Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act.
- **ALA also signed on to a letter urging Congress to close the close the “backdoor search loophole” in the USA Liberty Act.**
- **Minimize your library’s future data breach** | OIF Blog
- **Congress Can’t Compromise on Privacy** | US News and World Report
- **Texas gunman’s iPhone could reignite FBI-Apple feud over encryption** | The Washington Post
- **YouTube’s new profiles for children have privacy experts very concerned** | MarketWatch
- **See this week’s additional privacy news and updates** on the Choose Privacy Week blog.

Access

- **Cost of student access to research rises for UT universities** | The Daily Texan
- **Court demands that search engines and internet service provides block Sci-Hub** | Science Magazine
- **Access vs. accessibility in scholarship and science** | The Scholarly Kitchen Blog
- **Library seeks to reach more students with digital library card** | The News Courier (AL)

Free Press, Social Media, and Fake News

- **Russians posing as black activists on Facebook is more than fake news** | Wired
- **Twitter in a tempest** | OIF Blog
• *In the age of fake news, a historian of the hoax* | The New York Times

**Net Neutrality and Broadband Access**

- *FCC delays, denials foil rural schools' broadband plans* | Education Week
- *How Verizon and Comcast are working to ensure states don't pass their own net neutrality bills* | The Washington Post
- *Academic leaders make case for net neutrality* | EdSurge

**Academic Freedom/ Campus Speech**

- *The new campus censors* | The Chronicle of Higher Education
- *Life imitates art: By cancelling play in response to controversy, Brandeis compromises freedom of academic discussion* | National Coalition Against Censorship

**First Amendment Issues**

- *Progressive group sues three Republican lawmakers for blocking it on Twitter* | Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
- *Ninth Circuit requires disclosure of identifying information on website rejecting first amendment claim* | Constitutional Law Prof Blog

**Around the Web**

- *Prosecutors drop criminal case against activist arrested after laughing at Sessions* | The Washington Post
- *We must not let big tech threaten our security, freedoms and democracy* | The Guardian
- *The woman battling hate speech, censorship, and extremism online (and off)* | MIT Technology Review
- *Strengthening the role of school librarian: PW talks with Steven Yates* | Publisher's Weekly
- *Newseum and AAUW partner on media literacy education initiatives* | Newseum Institute

**International Issues**

- *IPA protests 'ham-fisted censorship' of Zuma book* | The Bookseller (South Africa)
- *A prestigious research publisher gives in to China's censorship* | The Washington Post
- *Google wins ruling to block global censorship order from Canadian Court* | Fortune
- *Italian street artist charged with blasphemy for Jesus poster* | Comic Book Legal Defense Fund
- *Libya Comic Con shut down by militia: organizers detained* | Comic Book Legal Defense Fund

**ALA News**

- *ALA to launch Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation Great Stories Club with $1.1 million grant from W.K. Kellogg Foundation*  
- *Promoting Healthy Communities: A Health Information Initiative* | Public Library Association (PLA) and the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM)
- *ALA unveils shortlist for 2018 Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction*  
- *Webinar - Privacy to Pornography: What Staff Need to Know about Intellectual Freedom* (Free for FTRF and IFRT members)
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