Intellectual Freedom Highlights

- **Responding to database challenges** | Intellectual Freedom Blog: "EBSCO is an online database company whose products are in thousands of schools, colleges and universities' around the world. In September of 2016, the products they developed for the K-12 market came under attack in Colorado and Alabama. The challenges were made concerning the inclusion of sexual content deemed inappropriate for school-age children."

Censorship

- **Conejo Valley Unified board passes book opt-out policy after changes made to draft amendment** | Ventura County Reporter (CA)
- **7th graders assigned to read explicit book** | KTNV (NV)
- **Disney lifts ban on L.A. Times film critics** | Los Angeles Times

Privacy

- **Criminals make student data public in escalating demands for ransom** | NBC News
- **TV stations are about to track you and sell targeted ads, just like Google and Facebook** | Washington Post
- **It's time to tax companies for using our personal data** | New York Times
- **Hackers say they've broken face ID a week after the iPhone X release** | Wired
- **Florida court: Dead or not, privacy right remains alive** | U.S. News and World Report
- See [this week's additional privacy news and updates](https://chooseprivacyweek.org/) on the [Choose Privacy Week](https://chooseprivacyweek.org/) blog.

Access

- **What I learned about the limits of school choice in New York City from a mother whose child uses a wheelchair** | Chalkbeat

Free Press, Social Media, and Fake News

- **Manipulating Social Media to Undermine Democracy** | Freedom House
- **Cheap tricks: The low cost of internet harassment** | ProPublica
- **Twitter un-verify accounts attached to the "alt-right"** | Salon

Net Neutrality and Broadband Access
- Protect net neutrality and Internet freedom: World Wide Web inventor | USA Today
- When students can't get broadband, career success proves elusive | EdTech Magazine

**Academic Freedom/ Campus Speech**

- Defunding Black Panther research infringes on academic freedom | The Daily Californian
- Try to discuss speech and academic freedom at Boise State, and nuance is the first casualty | Idaho Statesman

**First Amendment Issues**

- Supreme Court agrees to hear three new First Amendment cases | The Washington Post
- Mass. schools wrestle with hate incidents | Telegram (MA)
- Hate crimes in the United States increased last year, FBI says | Washington Post
- ECC panel: 'Good speech' can conquer hate speech | Chicago Tribune
- The First (Terms of Service) Amendment | Huffington Post
- Policy Architecture and Internet Freedom | The Recorder

**Around the Web**

- Removing racist monuments is about making history, not erasing it | Brookings Institute
- 'To Kill A Mockingbird' not the most controversial book in Mississippi classrooms | Clarion Ledger
- The dangers of tweeting at conferences | Chronicle of Higher Education
- Chalkboard controversy: Naughty graffiti and social media safety in a middle school library space | School Library Journal

**International Issues**

- Chinese nationalism jostles with academic freedom in Australia | New York Times
- Beyond state control | Dublin Inquirer
- Books come under suspicion in post-coup Turkey | Deutsche Welle
- Manchester University accused of unprofessionalism and censorship | Mancunion
- Cambridge slammed for 'censoring' Palestine BDS event | Aljazeera

**ALA News**

- John Phillip Immroth Memorial Award for intellectual freedom due December 1
- Webinar - Privacy to Pornography: What Staff Need to Know about Intellectual Freedom (Free for FTRF and IFRT members)