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Intellectual Freedom Highlights

- [Securing Patron Privacy](#), ALCTS webinar on Wednesday, November 8 at 1 pm Central; "Article III of the ALA Code of Ethics reads "We protect each library user's right to privacy and confidentiality with respect to information sought or received and resources consulted, borrowed, acquired or transmitted." But do we, when those materials are online? Can we? How?"
- [Tackling Fake News](#), an American Libraries Live Webcast on Wednesday, November 1 at 1 pm Eastern; "How can help our users filter the real from the fake? How can we maintain our professional obligation to ensure equal access to information in a politically charged time where it seems like not all information is created equal?"

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- [Biloxi school district resumes teaching on banned novel](#) | WAPT News; "School officials said they'll begin teaching it again in class starting Monday. Students, however, have to ask to participate and return a permission slip signed by a parent."
- [Lawrence school officials weight how to teach 'Huckleberry Finn'](#) | Lawrence Journal-World (KS)
- ['To Kill a Mockingbird' still flies in Montana schools, but other books face challenges](#) | Billings Gazette
- [Florida community pushes back against superintendent's ban on 'inappropriate' books](#) | CBLDF

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- [Submit Questions for ALA's Hate Speech FAQ](#) | As ALA moves into a second year of [collecting reports of hate crimes in libraries](#), the Office for Intellectual Freedom will be creating a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) resource. We would really appreciate your help in creating a thorough and comprehensive document that will help educators, library staff, and trustees navigate this sensitive topic.
- [ALA announces \\$500,000 in first-time grants to develop coding programs in libraries](#) | PR Newswire



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