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## Intellectual Freedom Highlights

- Webinar (PLA): [Making Banned Books Week Work in Your Community](#) | Wednesday, Sept 13, 2017 @ 1pm CST
- Webinar: [Intellectual freedom is not just about censorship!](#) | Wednesday, Sept 13, 2017 @4pm CST, presented by Michelle Luhtala and Kristin Pekoll
- [Words Have Power: A Behind-the-Scenes Look at Banned Books Week](#) | Knowledge Quest

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- [Reporter: Google successfully pressured me to take down critical story](#) | Ars Technica
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  - [Book will have kids spouting racist slurs](#) | Thousand Acres Acorn (CA)

## Privacy

- [The Feds promised to protect Dreamer data. Now what?](#) | Wired
- [Data of 143 million Americans — nearly half the country — exposed in Equifax hack](#) | Baltimore Sun
- [Google promised not to scan Gmail for targeted ads—but for how long?](#) | Ars Technica

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- [Trump Will End DACA in 6 Months, Confirming Dreamers' Fears and Putting Onus on Congress](#) | Chronicle for Higher Education
- [Urgent: Today's students need a digitally fluent school website](#) | eSchool News

## Net Neutrality [READ MORE](#)

- [Franken pushing FCC to keep internet protections](#) | Minnesota Public Radio; "Franken said the FCC was flooded with messages supporting net neutrality during a recent public comment period. FCC chairman Ajit Pai has described the 2015 order as a "heavy handed" approach to "hypothetical harms." He prefers returning to a "light touch" regulatory framework. Megan Kocher, science librarian at the University of Minnesota and chair of the Minnesota Library Association's intellectual freedom committee, opposes the changes Pai is pushing. Kocher said that internet access must remain equal."

- [FCC's broken comments system could help doom net neutrality](#) | Wired

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- [The Internet of hate](#) | Slate; "After Charlottesville, Nazis, white supremacists, and the alt-right have become a lot less welcome on the web. So they're building their own."
- [Disturbing photo tests boundaries of free speech, hate crime](#) | KCCI (IA)
- [Should we ban hate speech? Nazis in the street and the "paradox of tolerance"](#) | Salon
- [Where hate speech begins](#) | Fordham Observer
- [Perspectives on Harmful Speech Online](#) | Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society

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- [Did school overstep when it disciplined students for appearing in photo wearing KKK-style hoods?](#) | Washington Post
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- [Should kindergarten include books about being transgender?](#) | Los Angeles Times
- [The fake-news fallacy](#) | The New Yorker
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- [How does the Cuban government censor the internet? Report reveals some details](#) | Miami Herald
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- [Celebrate September 24-30; Posters, Buttons and Totes in the ALA Store, Free Downloads, Rebel Reader Twitter Tournament, Thunderclap, and Stand for the Banned. #BannedBooksWeek](#)
- [D.C.'s library foundation is hiding provocative books around the city. It's up to you to find them.](#) | Washington Post

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