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- [A Practical Guide to Privacy Audits](#) | Join Erin Berman and Julie Oborny of the San José Public Library for a free webinar on Monday, April 16 at 1:30 pm Eastern that outlines the first steps libraries can take to implement up-to-date privacy policies and procedures.

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[Washington State bill includes allocation for school library materials](#) | School Library Journal

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- [Banning social media won't stop hate speech](#) | The New York Times (Sri Lanka)
- [Columbia cartoonist sued over political pig](#) | CBLDF
- [People in less democratic countries are more likely to say China and Russia respect personal freedoms](#) | Pew Research Center Fact Tank

OIF News

- [Intellectual freedom breakfast at ALA Annual conference welcomes New Orleans journalist](#)
- [Robert P. Doyle receives 2018 Eli M. Oboler Memorial Award for banned books resource guide](#)
- [ALA Essentials for Library Workers: Intellectual Freedom](#): In this 50-minute session, the director of ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom James LaRue teaches you how you can support your library's mission to provide information and enlightenment to your community.

ALA News

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