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Intellectual Freedom Highlights

- [Dear Banned Author](#) - What would you say to your favorite banned and challenged author? This Banned Books Week (September 23-29), we're hosting a Dear Banned Author letter-writing campaign, and we hope you'll join us! Visit the website to find author addresses, programming tools and printable postcards.
- [Little Free Library Nonprofit Celebrates Banned Books Week](#) - The American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom and the Freedom to Read Foundation are joining forces with Little Free Library to "Speak Out for Banned Books" through an exciting giveaway! 80 packages of banned books will be given away to registered Little Free Library stewards with the goal of spreading banned books in communities around the country.
- ["Raise the Volume on Banned Books Week Programs" video](#) - OIF Assistant Director Kristin Pekoll discusses easy and creative ways to celebrate Banned Books Week.

Censorship [READ MORE](#)

- [UPDATE: Majority of speakers at council meeting support drag queen story time](#) | KATC News (LA)
- [Pastors to protest drag queen event at library](#) | Lagniappe Weekly (AL)
- [Utah library workers take leadership to task over LGBTQ display, buttons](#) | Library Journal

Privacy

- [Let's retire the phrase 'Privacy Policy'](#) | New York Times; "People assume it means their information will be kept private. Nothing could be further from the truth."
- [Schools Are Mining Students' Social Media Posts for Signs of Trouble](#) | Wired
- [States are leading the way on data privacy](#) | The Hill

See this week's additional privacy news and updates on the [Choose Privacy Everyday](#) blog.

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- [Fire department joins net neutrality suit after Verizon cuts data during wildfire](#) | Huffington Post

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- [Congressional think tank catches flak over public access plans](#) | Library Journal

[YA: To label or not to label?](#) | Knowledge Quest

- [What's a library without books? Go to some schools, and that's what you will find.](#) | Washington Post
- [A Dystopian Twist for Library E-Books](#) | Publishers Weekly; "Why Tor's decision to embargo new e- book releases in libraries is a wake-up call for librarians."
- [No more late fines: Kitsap Regional Library calls them a barrier to borrowing](#) | Kitsap Sun (WA)

Internet Filters [READ MORE](#)

- [Filtering: What is it good for? Activities for Banned Websites Awareness Day](#) | School Library Journal

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- [Russian hackers target conservative groups in widening cyberattacks](#) | Wall Street Journal
- [Free speech in a networked world](#) | Inside Higher Ed

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- [Pa. Supreme Court Says Rapper's Music Crosses Line Of Free Speech, Used To Intimidate Cops](#) | KDKA CBS Pittsburgh
- [Harsh new anti-protest laws restrict freedom of speech, advocates say](#) | Washington Post
- [Free speech groups protest presidential intimidation of Simon & Schuster](#) | CBLDF

Around the Web [READ MORE](#)

- [Advocating Before the Election](#) | American Libraries
- [Appalachian Trailblazer: Ali Schilpp, SLJ's 2018 School Librarian of the Year](#) | School Library Journal
- [Drag Queen Story Hour Brings Fun—And Continued Protests](#) | School Library Journal
- [Banned books on the run](#) | NPR
- [Why it matters that teens are reading less](#) | The Conversation
- [Back to School: School library safety and security checklist](#) | Knowledge Quest
- [Romance writers survey reveals long way to go on inclusion](#) | Library Journal

International Issues

- [Egypt president ratifies law imposing internet controls](#) | ABC News
- [Hungary to stop financing gender studies courses: PM aide](#) | Reuters
- [Finnish court issues precedent "right to be forgotten" decision for Google to remove data](#) | YLE

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- [New iteration: Creating a Culture of Usability in Your Library eCourse](#)
- ["Veterans: They served us--here's how to serve them" Upcoming webinar](#)
- [Volunteer to serve on ALA, Council, and joint committees for 2019 – 2021](#)
- [Teens can now vote for the 2018 Teens' Top Ten](#)
- [Free virtual event with MARCH graphic novel creators offered as part of ALA's Great Stories Club](#)
- [I Love My Librarian! 2018 Award nominations now open](#)
- [Still Accepting Applications for the Emerging Leaders Program – Deadline August 31](#)

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