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Intellectual Freedom Highlights

- [Libraries = Strong Communities](#) | American Libraries; "Libraries are bastions of democracy, access, intellectual freedom, diversity, and the public good. They play a central role in helping people and communities."
- [Kennedy's Retirement and Library Issues: What the open Supreme Court seat could mean](#) | American Libraries
- [AASL releases new resource guide: "Defending Intellectual Freedom: LGBTQ+ Materials in School Libraries"](#)

Censorship

- [Police are protesting two novels on a school's summer reading list that grapple with police brutality](#) | CNN

Privacy

- [Microsoft calls for facial recognition technology rules given 'potential for abuse'](#) | The Guardian
 - [Facial recognition technology: The need for public regulation and corporate responsibility](#) | Microsoft
- [Tech consumers should not be forced to sacrifice privacy for security](#) | CNBC
- [Schools can now get facial recognition tech for free. Should they?](#) | Wired

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Net Neutrality and Broadband Access

- [A single House Republican sides with Democrats on net neutrality](#) | Mashable
- [Netflix CEO Reed Hastings: Net Neutrality is a 'consumer expectation'](#) | Fortune
- [5 school and library applicants weigh in on E-rate](#) | eSchool News

Filtering

- [Researchers find that filters don't prevent porn](#) | TechCrunch
- [Research confirms the anecdotal evidence: Internet content filters are a waste of money](#) | TechDirt
- [Sky blue, water wet, porn filters don't work](#) | Boing Boing; "In [Internet Filtering and Adolescent Exposure to Online Sexual Material](#), two researchers from the Oxford Internet Institute reveal their empirical findings on the efficacy of porn filters -- the online systems that are supposed to stop users from seeing sexual images, videos, and text. Their conclusion: porn filters don't work."

Access

- [Rutherford County's new library to fulfill needs in 'digital desert'](#) | Daily News Journal (TN)
- [Who's welcome here?](#) | Inside Higher Ed

Free Press, Social Media, and Fake News

- [House Republicans float online conspiracy theories in hearing about social media 'censorship'](#) | NBC News
- [As fake news spreads, algorithms and 'filter bubbles' take centre stage](#) | Business Standard

Academic Freedom & Campus Speech

- [UNC chancellor and provost affirm academic freedom principles, but with a caveat](#) | News & Observer (NC)
- [UT: Professors have academic freedom, despite what we say in court](#) | The Statesman; "In defending its policy allowing the concealed carry of handguns in classrooms, the University of Texas has taken a surprising position in a federal appeals court — that individual professors do not have academic freedom."

First Amendment and Free Speech

- [The Cybersecurity 202: Anti-censorship tool opens new rift between lawmakers and tech companies](#) | The Washington Post
 - [Lawmakers don't grasp the sacred tech law they want to gut](#) | Wired (Section 230)
- [Judge lifts controversial order requiring the LA Times to alter article about an ex-Glendale cop](#) | Los Angeles Times

Around the Web

- [This pro-America book could buck the left-wing YA trend](#) | The New York Post
- [A landmark legal shift opens Pandora's box for DIY guns](#) | Wired
- [Use of mobile devices for news continues to grow, outpacing desktops and laptops](#) | Pew Research Center FactTank

International Issues

- [US politicians urge Google, Facebook not to censor Vietnamese](#) | Voice of America News
- [The struggle for freedom of speech in Tajikistan](#) | Open Democracy
- ['Saturday Night Live' pulled in China amid crackdown on content](#) | The New York Times
- [New ruling on freedom of speech will help protect against hate](#) | The Star (Ontario, Canada)

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- [Nominations invited for annual Downs Intellectual Freedom Award](#) | iSchool, University of Illinois
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