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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.

## Censorship

- [Drag Queen Story Time still happening after Lafayette council avoids taking position on it](#) | The Advocate (LA)
- [Two Religious Organizations File Suit In Attempt To Stop Drag Queen Story Time At Lafayette Library](#) | KADN-TV (Lafayette LA)
- [Drag storytimes bring fierceness—and fierce opposition](#) | American Libraries
- [Book of Oatmeal.com comic strips defaced as 'filthy' and '18+' by non-borrower](#) | OIF Blog
- [Prison First Amendment fight goes to U.S. Supreme Court](#) | News Herald (FL)
- [Review group could look at book complaints soon](#) | Cody Enterprise (WY)
- [The board of a West Virginia library reverses decision to refuse 'Fear'](#) | Washington Post
- [Rumford Public Library's display of banned books will stay](#) | Sun Journal (ME)
- [Texas board votes to eliminate Hillary Clinton, Helen Keller from history curriculum](#) | Dallas News (TX)
- [How do controversial books make it onto school-approved lists?](#) | Good4Utah (ABC4); "South Jordan high-schooler says her assigned reading is not age-appropriate"
- [DC to censor full frontal nudity In future 'Batman: Damned' printings](#) | Hollywood Reporter
- [Student newspaper censorship: Burlington High School editors win First Amendment battle](#) | Burlington Free Press
  - [New policies coming to Vt. school following claims of student censorship](#) | NECN.com (VT)
  - [Vermont high school students use New Voices law to win censorship dispute](#) | Student Press Law Center
- [Maine pastors attempt to remove 'My Lesbian Experience with Loneliness' manga from library display](#) | Anime News Network
- [New Jersey parent outraged 'My Name is Osama' story taught on September 11 anniversary](#) | Newsweek
- [Target is bleeping out book descriptions, removing words like 'Nazis' and 'queer'](#) | Mercury News
  - [Target responds to publisher complaints, but redactions persist](#) | Publishers Weekly
- [Marathon County Library rules on transgender issues book placement](#) | WSAU
- [Scales on censorship: Questioning 'The Hate U Give'](#) | School Library Journal

## Banned Books Week

- [Get ready for Banned Books Week 2018 with new handbook](#) | American Booksellers Association
- [Celebrate Banned Books Week with GNs signed by Art Spiegelman, Neil Gaiman, Jeff Smith, & Many More!](#) | Comic Book



- [Who gets their news from which social media sites?](#) | Wired
- [Teaching information literacy in a world of misinformation](#) | Knowledge Quest

## Academic Freedom & Campus Speech

- [Academic freedom and librarians: A natural fit](#) | Inside Higher Ed
- [A blow to academic freedom — from the top of the University of Texas](#) | Trib Talk
- [University needs to value and support its librarians](#) | The Daily Californian
- [Professor files free speech lawsuit against Poly](#) | The Ledger (FL)

## First Amendment and Free Speech

- [“The Schoolhouse Gate”: The Unpopularity of Free Speech in Public Schools](#) | Volokh Conspiracy
  - [“The Schoolhouse Gate”: The Constitution Goes to School](#) | Volokh Conspiracy
- [Editorial: First for good reason](#) | Caledonian Record (VT)
- [What students are saying about: freedom of speech, teacher diversity and the soul of America](#) | New York Times
- [The liberal defense of campus free speech is admirable but inadequate](#) | The Federalist
- [Want to defend democracy? Start with your public library.](#) | Washington Post
- [Daily Read: Some women legal scholars on the First Amendment](#) | Constitutional Law Prof Blog

## Around the Web

- [Of, by, and for the people: Best small library in America 2018](#) | Library Journal
- [Happy birthday, Craig Thompson!](#) | OIF Blog
- [Convincing despite its flaws: A review of Nadine Strossen’s HATE: Why We Should Resist It with Free Speech, Not Censorship](#) | OIF Blog
- [Isabel Allende to receive honorary National Book Award medal](#) | My Twin Tiers
- [Parents call pilot textbook political propaganda for Gavin Newsom](#) | Sacramento Bee (CA)
- [How controversial topics inspire deeper learning](#) | eSchool News

## International Issues

- [Excluding the Sun from our festival isn’t censorship, it’s Hillsborough solidarity](#) | The Guardian
- [A quiet shift in stance on the right to be forgotten](#) | The Times (UK)
- [This Vietnamese singer tried to battle state censorship. Now she only performs there in secret.](#) | Washington Post
- [The two biggest threats to academic freedom have come together in China](#) | Quartz
- [Google’s Chinese search engine will censor results, provide gov’t-approved pollution data](#) | Tech Dirt
- [Does the EU’s controversial ‘upload filter’ set a precedent for censorship?](#) | Inside Sources
- [Google China prototype links searches to phone numbers](#) | The Intercept

## ALA News

- [An updated how-to-do-it manual for building digital libraries](#)
- [Volunteer to serve on ALA, Council, and joint committees for 2019 – 2021](#)
- [Nominations for I Love My Librarian Award closing Oct. 1](#)
- [Libraries invited to apply for Great Stories Club grants on Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation](#)
- [ALA’s new Graphic Novels & Comics Round Table is open for membership](#)

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