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## Highlight

- ALA Midwinter 2019: [Intellectual Freedom and the Law: Issues and Updates for Meeting Rooms, Drag Queen Storytimes, and Library Displays](#) Saturday, January 26, 1:00-2:00PM
- [Celebrate libraries this weekend with a rally](#) | KING TV (WA); "7,000 librarians are converging on Seattle for the American Library Association's (ALA) Midwinter Meeting. President of the ALA Loida Garcia-Febo joins New Day Northwest to talk about libraries and the vital roles they play in communities today."
- [New eCourse: The First Amendment and Library Services](#) | ALA news (begins March 4)
- [Librarian shutdown stories](#) | American Libraries; "The partial federal government shutdown has entered its second month, with no end in sight. Some librarians on furlough expect to be compensated for the paychecks that stopped arriving when the shutdown began on December 22, 2018. But others, working on contract, may never get paid for the lost hours."

## Censorship

- [The public library as a world stage: An analysis of censorship](#) | OIF Blog
- [First Drag Queen Story Hour in Berks draws big crowd to Wyomissing Public Library](#) | Reading Eagle (PA)
- [Nassau County's first Drag Queen Story Hour draws a crowd to East Meadow library](#) | Long Island Herald (NY)
- [NCAC protests political censorship at Ground Zero](#) | NCAC
- [Drag queen story time not a 'contagious' event, expert says](#) | Detroit Free Press
- [Drag queen storytime for children: Is listening to a drag queen read a story dangerous for your child?](#) | Psychology Today
- [Huntington Woods mayor on Drag Queen Storytime: Library events are a local issue](#) | Detroit Free Press
- [Public Library receives 'inappropriate computer use' complaint](#) | KVOA (AZ)

## Privacy

- [Battle lines forming ahead of a looming US privacy law fight](#) | ABC News
- [Coming soon to a police station near you: The DNA 'magic box'](#) | New York Times

## Net Neutrality and Broadband Access

- [Broadband expert says USDA shutdown is hurting rural internet expansion](#) | StateScoop
- [Remember when Ajit Pai said killing net neutrality would boost network investment? About that...](#) | TechDirt
- [Rural broadband in Minnesota: Evidence is in: The government should butt out](#) | Minneapolis Star Tribune

## Access

- [Integrating libraries and books](#) | OIF Blog



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