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- **New E-Course on the First Amendment and Library Services Begins March 4**

Censorship

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- Library under fire for sexually explicit subscription box material | Messenger-Inquirer (KY)
- Proposed censorship bill voted down in Maine | OIF Blog
- State reps have heated debate over libraries, drag queens, First Amendment | WYFF (SC)
  - Kids love Drag Queen storytime, Anti-LGBT groups want to shut them down | The Daily Beast

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- Nevada Senator takes on racial ad targeting in new data privacy bill | The Verge
- GAO Report Recommends Congress Consider Comprehensive Privacy Regulation | National Law Journal
- The citizenship question & the 2020 census | OIF Blog
- You give apps sensitive personal information. Then they tell Facebook | Wall Street Journal
  - NY governor orders probe into Facebook access to data from other apps | Reuters
- No, Data Is Not the New Oil | Wired
- People are concerned about their privacy in theory, not practice, says new study | Fortune
- Chief privacy officers: The unicorns of K-12 education | EdSurge
- Privacy Lawsuits Against Tech Firms Are Rising. Here’s Why | Fortune
- Digital Legal Dilemma: Who Owns Data After Death? | Z6 Magazine
- Storing health records on your phone: Can Apple live up to its privacy values? | NPR
- Washington state’s consumer privacy act takes next step toward passage | IAPP

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- Why California libraries are ditching fines on overdue materials | CALMatters
- The inclusive internet index 2019 | The Economist
- Open access is going mainstream. Here’s why that could transform academic life | Chronicle of Higher Education
- Iowa librarians win legislative victory and more | School Library Journal

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The President and Congress Are Thinking of Changing This Important Internet Law | Slate
House GOP leaders urge engagement on net neutrality bills | Broadcasting & Cable
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Pew initiative to study broadband access hurdles | Government Technology
Net neutrality fake-off shows politics are messed up | Forbes
Former FCC chair Tom Wheeler says the internet needs regulation | Wired

Fake News, Free Press, Social Media

’Sustained and ongoing' disinformation assault targets Dem presidential candidates | Politico
How 18th century information wars can solve the problem of 21st century ‘fake news' | Washington Post
EU officials say Facebook, Twitter, Google failing in “fake news” battle | Ars Technica
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Delaying fellowship didn’t breach academic freedom, committee says | Minnesota Daily

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Reading teen romance: A mother's intellectual freedom gut-check | OIF Blog
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Top 20 most influential banned books revealed | The Bookseller
Why was The Satanic Verses so controversial? | The Week

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Chinese internet users turn to the blockchain to fight against government censorship | The Conversation
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Censored on WeChat: As tensions in China-US trade conflict rose, so did WeChat censorship | Hong Kong Free Press
WA school library temporarily bans Harry Potter books | Books and Publishing (Australia)
China extends its censorship to Australian books, written by Australian authors for Australian readers | TechDirt

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Revised Library Bill of Rights interpretations adopted at Seattle Midwinter Meeting
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