



ALA Connect Live: Our Brave Communities: Facing Censorship Head-On with ALA – December 2022 - Links & Resources

Parkersburg, WV - Brian Raitz, director of Parkersburg and Wood County Public Library

- [Parkersburg City Council Meeting \(11/1/22\)](#) Brian Raitz, director of Parkersburg and Wood County Public Library starts talking at just over 10 minutes into the public forum.
- [Brian Raitz October 2022 Op-ed](#)
- [“Parkersburg Council hears questions about library material”](#) - The Parkersburg News and Sentinel, October 28, 2022
- [“Parkersburg City Council to consider library censure over book”](#) - The Parkersburg News and Sentinel, October 29, 2022
- [“Council drops library censure”](#) - The Parkersburg News and Sentinel, November 2, 2022
- [“Parkersburg City Council withdraws library censure resolution”](#) - The Parkersburg News and Sentinel, November 2, 2022
- [“People in Parkersburg share concerns over library; appropriate materials and possible censorship”](#) – wtap, November 2, 2022

Virginia - Lisa Varga, Executive Director of the Virginia Library Association

- [“Fairfax County parent wants ‘Beloved’ banned from school system”](#) – Washington Post, February 7, 2013
- Virginia’s Legislative Information System, 2022 Session; [SB 656 Sexually explicit content; DOE shall develop model policies, parental notification.](#)
- [Virginia Beach, 2022 Challenge to Gender Queer](#) – case related documents dop box
- [VLA: Challenged Book Resume Collaboration project](#)

Hunterdon County, NJ - Martha Hickson, School Librarian, North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School

- [North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District BOE Meeting \(10/26/21\)](#)
- Martha Hickson Canva Resources
 - [Book Sanctuary sign](#) on Canva
 - [Join the Read-Sistance](#) sign

Take Action

- ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom - [Report censorship](#)
- [TAKE ACTION](#): Urge Congress to support dedicated funding for library facility repairs & upgrades for the first time in over 25 years
- [Subscribe to ALA’s advocacy alerts to](#) take targeted actions at key moments on federal policy
- Follow ALA Public Policy and Advocacy Office on twitter - [@LibraryPolicy](#)
- Join the [Unite Against Book Bans Campaign](#)
- [Defend Every Student’s Right to Learn](#) (ACLU)

Resources & Toolkits

- [ALA Fight Censorship page](#)
- [Unite Against Book Bans Action Toolkit](#)

- ALA Issues & Advocacy – [State and Local Resources](#)
- [ALA State and Local Protocol](#) to respond to library issues at the state and local level.
- [Selection & Reconsideration Policy Toolkit for Public, School, & Academic Libraries](#) (ALA-OIF)
- National Council of Teachers of English – [Book Rationales](#)
- [The Get Ready, Stay Ready toolkit](#)
- Pen America, [A Tip Sheet for Librarians Facing Harassment](#)
- Red Wine Blue, [Book Ban Busters](#)

Upcoming Events

- UPCOMING WEBINAR, January 18, 2023: [Preparing for Challenges – How to be ready before you get one](#) (GNCR)
- UPCOMING WEBINAR (January 24, 2023): [De-escalation: A Crucial Tool in Libraries for Promoting Intellectual Freedom](#) (CARLI)
- At next month's [LibLearnX 2023](#) conference ([Advance Registration ends on January 15th!](#)):
 - [Library Workers: Organize and Activate](#) - Sunday, January 29: 8:30am - 9:45am
 - [Center for the Future of Libraries](#) sessions
 - [Building a Practical Toolkit for Censorship and Challenges at your Public Library](#) - Sunday, January 29: 10:30 AM – 11:45 AM
 - [The Intellectual Freedom Syllabus](#) Shop Talk - Monday, January 30: 10:10 AM – 10:30 AM

Awards & Support

- [Gerald Hodges Intellectual Freedom Chapter Relations](#) Award nominations – DEADLINE JANUARY 1, 2023
- [LeRoy C. Merritt Humanitarian Fund](#)
- [John Phillip Immroth Award](#) nominations – DEADLINE MARCH 1, 2023

Organizations & Institutions

- [Freedom to Read Foundation](#)
- Everylibrary, [“How are We Fighting Against Book Banning?”](#)

Articles & Publications

- [“How This District Took Its School Board Back From Right-Wing Reactionaries”](#) – *Common Dreams*. December 14, 2022
- [Creating Policies for Results: From Chaos to Clarity \(PLA Results\)](#) by Sandra Nelson and June Garcia for the Public Library Association

Miscellaneous Resources

- The Missouri Library Association's Intellectual Freedom committee [Intellectual Freedom shirt](#)
- [H.R.9056 - Right to Read Act of 2022](#)