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)](link) 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](link)
- [“Parkersburg Council hears questions about library material” - The Parkersburg News and Sentinel, October 28, 2022](link)
- [“Parkersburg City Council to consider library censure over book” - The Parkersburg News and Sentinel, October 29, 2022](link)
- [“Council drops library censure” - The Parkersburg News and Sentinel, November 2, 2022](link)
- [“Parkersburg City Council withdraws library censure resolution” - The Parkersburg News and Sentinel, November 2, 2022](link)
- [“People in Parkersburg share concerns over library; appropriate materials and possible censorship” – wtap, November 2, 2022](link)

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

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

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

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

Take Action

- ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom - [Report censorship](link)
- **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](link) take targeted actions at key moments on federal policy
- Follow ALA Public Policy and Advocacy Office on twitter - [@LibraryPolicy](link)
- Join the [Unite Against Book Bans Campaign](link)
- [Defend Every Student’s Right to Learn](link) (ACLU)

Resources & Toolkits

- [ALA Fight Censorship page](link)
- [Unite Against Book Bans Action Toolkit](link)
Upcoming Events

- **UPCOMING WEBINAR, January 18, 2023:** Preparing for Challenges – How to be ready before you get one (GNCRT)
- **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