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IFRT awards recognize intellectual freedom heroes.

- **The Gerald Hodges Intellectual Freedom Chapter Relations Award** recognizes an organization that developed an intellectual freedom program or project.
- **The John Phillip Immroth Memorial Award** honors contributions and courage in defending freedom of expression.
- **The LeRoy C. Merritt Humanitarian Fund** supports librarians denied employment rights or discriminated against.
- **The Eli M. Oboler Memorial Award** recognizes outstanding intellectual freedom publications.

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