INTRODUCTIONS
To educate library staff throughout Michigan, and the communities they serve, about intellectual freedom issues, and the role of the library in protecting, defending and advocating for intellectual freedom.
AGENDA

• Examine and review challenges and cases of censorship in Michigan libraries submitted to the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom
• Discuss organized efforts to challenge resources
• Develop strategies to recognize and address challenges in your own library
• Source tools to train staff, boards and communities in issues of intellectual freedom
CUSTOMER IS ALWAYS?
UNIQUE ROLE
FOUNDATION
FIRST AMENDMENT

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM
CHALLENGED VS. BANNED
CENSORSHIP
AWARENESS
PROFILES
NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

• Concerned Citizens for School Databases
  • Formerly Cherry Creek School District, CO
  • http://ccsdconversations.org/

• Family Policy Alliance
  • Formerly CitizenLink or Focus on the Family Action
  • https://familypolicyalliance.com/
MATERIALS
DISPLAYS
LIBRARY PROGRAMS

• ALA encourages all libraries to continue to create dynamic programs that foster a more equitable, diverse, and inclusive society.

KEY MESSAGES:

• Libraries provide a welcoming, safe, respectful space for diverse voices and perspectives.

• No longer just a place for books, libraries are expanding beyond their traditional roles and providing more opportunities for delivery of new services that connect closely with patrons’ needs.

• Libraries strive to develop and maintain programs and collections that are as diverse as the populations that they serve.

• There is not a one-size-fits all approach to developing library programs. Each library has its own process to develop and offer programs.

Citation: K. Pekoll, Assistant Director, ALA, OIF
Library-Initiated Programs as a Resource

- http://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/librarybill/interpretations/programs

Citation: "Library-Initiated Programs as a Resource", American Library Association, July 26, 2006.


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DATABASES
NET NEUTRALITY
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Internet Society
• https://www.internetsociety.org/policybriefs/networkneutrality/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMltYy6-bzj3QIVRr7ACh3u_gazEAAYASAAEgKQvD_BwE
• Online Tutorial: https://www.internetsociety.org/tutorials/network-neutrality/module1/

ALA
• http://www.ala.org/advocacy/telecom/netneutrality

Citation: "Network Neutrality", American Library Association, January 3, 2018.
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PREPARE
POLICIES
Policies

  - http://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/guidelinesforaccesspolicies
- ALA LibGuides: http://libguides.ala.org/librarypolicy
  - Primer on Library Policies:
    - https://www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan/0,2351,7-160-18668_69405_18689-54481--,00.html
IN LOCO PARENTIS
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• In the place of a parent. (Latin)
  • “The Library will not act in loco parentis.”

• Patrons have the responsibility to choose materials appropriate for themselves or their children.

• The library has the responsibility to provide materials that meet the diverse needs, interests and perspectives of the entire community.
TRUSTEES SHALL SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF LIBRARIANS IN RESISTING CENSORSHIP OF LIBRARY MATERIALS BY GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS

MICHIGAN PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEE MANUAL 2017 EDITION
CHALLENGE PACKET

• Library: Reconsideration of Library Materials Policy and Procedures
• Michigan Public Library Trustee Manual: Ethics Statement for Public Library Trustees
• United for Libraries: Public Library Trustee Ethics Statement
• ALA: The Freedom to Read Statement
• ALA: Library Bill of Rights
• Library: Mission Statement
• Library: Collection Development Policy (including Material Selection)
• Library: Request for Reconsideration of Library Material form
REPORT

• 10 Question Reporting Form
  http://www.ala.org/tools/challengesupport/report

• Webinar: Your Guide to Reporting Censorship
  http://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/webinar/reportcensorship
HOME FRONT
MICHIGAN
MI 2017 REPORTS

1. Hate crime
2. Outlaws and angels / Mollner
3. Being Jazz: My life as a (Transgender) teen / Jennings
4. LGBT display
5. Anything is possible: A novel / Strout
6. Vanity Fair
GET INVOLVED

• Intellectual Freedom Committee
  • Eleven members appointed by the ALA president-elect.
  • Reports to ALA Council
  • No budget, no membership

• Intellectual Freedom Round Table
  • Over 1200 members that pay dues and get free eLearning
  • Executive committee and multiple committee chairs

• Office for Intellectual Freedom
  • Five staff members of ALA
  • Liaisons for IF, Ethics, Privacy & FTRF
  • Travel, education, and awareness

Citation: Office for Intellectual Freedom American Library Association
RESOURCES

• ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom
  • http://www.ala.org/aboutala/offices/oif


• United for Libraries: Public Library Trustee Ethics Statement
  • http://www.ala.org/united/sites/ala.org.united/files/content/trustees/orgtools/Ethics%20Statement.pdf

• ALA: The Freedom to Read Statement
  • http://www.ala.org/united/sites/ala.org.united/files/content/trustees/orgtools/Ethics%20Statement.pdf
RESOURCES

• ALA: Library Bill of Rights
  • http://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/librarybill
• ALA: Intellectual Freedom Issues & Resources
  • http://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom
• Libraries Transform
  • http://www.ilovelibraries.org/librariestransform/
• Journal of Intellectual Freedom & Privacy
  • https://journals.ala.org/index.php/jifp
• Freedom to Read Foundation
  • https://www.ftrf.org/
OIF SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

OIF Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ALAOIF/
OIF Twitter: https://twitter.com/oif
Banned Books Week Twitter: https://twitter.com/BannedBooksWeek
Banned Books Week Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/bannedbooksweek/
Intellectual Freedom Round Table Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/IFRTALA/
Intellectual Freedom Round Table Twitter: https://twitter.com/IFRT_ALA
Intellectual Freedom Fighters Group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/456760254514041/
Banned Books Week Pinterest: https://www.pinterest.com/BannedBooksWeek/
Banned Books Week YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/user/BannedBooksWeek
OIF YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/user/oiftube

Office for Intellectual Freedom: http://www.ala.org/oif
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