Intellectual Freedom Committee Update

At our last Intellectual Freedom Committee meeting we scanned the latest Intellectual Freedom News from ALA’s Office of Intellectual Freedom and thought you might want to take a look too!

IF issues are so much more than banned books. If you see something that intrigues/frustrates and/or otherwise piques your interest, please join us for our next meeting on Tuesday, June 1, 11:00 a.m. Register here to join!

Legislative Committee Update

The Minnesota legislature’s regular session ended on May 17th, in accordance with the State constitution. In the final hours, legislative leaders and Governor Walz reached an agreement on budget target numbers. The speaker of the House Melissa Hortman, Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, and Governor Walz each touted the agreement as a win for both sides and a win for the state but noted there is still more work to be done now that budget targets have been set.

The legislature will continue working into late May and June to finalize details, with a special session needed to pass any bills. Want to stay in the loop? Join us at our next Legislative Committee meeting on Wednesday, June 2, 10:00 a.m!

Present at the 2021 MLA Annual Conference!

The Minnesota Library Association’s 2021 Virtual Annual Conference will be held October 6-8.
This year’s conference theme is “Join the Movement”; we’ll accomplish together what none can do alone!

Want to be involved? Presenting a content-rich session individually or as part of a team is a wonderful way to share knowledge, experiences, and ideas. The conference is an opportunity to present on future directions, best practices, lessons learned, stories of successful collaborations, solutions to issues, exchange new ideas, and more. We encourage staff from all levels, library types, and sizes to submit a presentation proposal.

**Proposal Submission Deadline Now Extended to:** May 31st, 2021  
**Session Length:** 50 minutes (appropriate for 1-3 speakers)  
**Format:** May include single or multiple speakers, panel discussions, case studies, interactive hands-on activities, demonstrations of projects, etc.

Submit your proposal today!

Register for Media Landscapes: 23 Things

The seven multicounty multitype library systems in the State have teamed up with Minitex to provide a self-guided online learning program called Media Landscapes: 23 Things.

This program supports the Media Landscapes Campaign and helps library staff learn more about disinformation, information/digital literacy, propaganda, and more!

Interested? Read more and register here!

Save the Date: Lake Superior Libraries Symposium

The Lake Superior Libraries Symposium will be held virtually on June 11, 8:45 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. at no cost via Zoom. This year’s theme is Mapping Our Identity: exploring the identities of libraries and library staff and how those change over time. The keynote speaker is Fobazi M. Ettarh who will be presenting on deconstructing vocational awe. Explore the breakout sessions and schedule.

Registration is capped at 200 attendees; Register now to reserve your spot!

Welcome New Members!

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Caroline Reich  
Chelsey Miller  
Kenna Wallace  
Honee Jam Collins
Thank You Renewing Members!

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