

Intellectual Freedom Committee

Mission:

To uphold the value of intellectual freedom in Tennessee libraries. Intellectual freedom shall be defined as the freedom to seek, access, and receive ideas without restriction.

Structure of the Committee:

The Committee consists of five members, including its Chair(s), and all are appointed by the Vice President/President-Elect by June 1st prior to their taking office as President.

Duties of the committee:

- Encourage libraries to develop collection policies that ensure access to information and multiple points of view.
- Encourage libraries to develop circulation policies and practices that ensure access to information and patron privacy.
- Encourage libraries to develop internet use policies that ensure access while respecting patron privacy.
- Develop educational outreach concerning intellectual freedom. Some examples include Banned Books Week and Choose Privacy Week programming, conference participation, and contributions to "Tennessee Libraries."
- Coordinate with the Legislation Committee on issues relating to library collections, censorship, and privacy.
- Coordinate the selection of the recipient of the TLA Intellectual Freedom Award.
- Coordinate a luncheon speaker on the topic of intellectual freedom biannually at the TLA conference.
- Investigate rights violations of Tennessee library users and make recommendations to the Executive Committee for possible action.
- Maintain contact with the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom.
- Provide quarterly reports to the organization.

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