

Questions

- Is intellectual freedom a priority at your library?
- Are you prepared to respond to challenges to your collection or policies?
- Are your policies up to date? Will they cover all the intellectual freedom issues that might arise?
- Does your front line staff know how to respond to challenges?

The OLC Intellectual Freedom Committee stands ready to help sort through these and other tough intellectual freedom questions.



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Issues

Libraries face intellectual freedom issues every day.



Sometimes it's as obvious as a book or movie being challenged. Sometimes it's more subtle. Meeting room policies have intellectual freedom repercussions, so does patron access to social networking Web sites.

Labeling, age restrictions, and even genre stickers can affect



the public's right to access the information they choose.

Signature Programs

Helping Ohio public libraries become more proactive in addressing intellectual freedom issues has long been a goal of the Intellectual Freedom Committee. We offer two signature programs upon request to help your library set a solid foundation of staff awareness and organizational response.

"Meeting the Challenge"

This program includes:

- information on intellectual freedom issues that come up most frequently;
- a group activity about challenged titles with participants taking various roles; and
- self-evaluation questionnaires to see how your library policies address children's and YA needs, meeting room use, and patron confidentiality.

"The First Thirty Seconds"

This program includes:

- an overview of intellectual freedom issues and the right to access information;
- practical tips for front-line staff to defuse tense situations; and
- real-life scenarios and practice exercises.

If you would like either program presented to your staff, Friends of the Library, or Board of Trustees, please contact:

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