



## OLA Intellectual Freedom Committee

Meeting Agenda Packet Jan 21 2022, 9:30 AM PT

**Time:** Jan 21, 2022 09:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

**Place:** Virtual meeting (Zoom)

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**Facilitator(s):** Perry Stokes & Emily O'Neal (Co-Chairs)

**Note taker:**

**Members:** Perry Stokes, Emily O'Neal, Kirsten Brodbeck-Kenney, Miranda Doyle, Ellie Avis, Lori Moore, Steve Silver, Erin Sims, Katlyn Temple, Tamara Ottum (Ex-officio, SLO rep).

**Present:** Perry Stokes, Lori Moore; Katlyn Temple, Steve Silver, Emily O'Neal; Erin Sims; Ellie Avis

**Unavailable:** Tamara Ottum

### AGENDA

- I. Welcome and call for agenda items
- II. Announcements and/or updates on intellectual freedom issues
- III. Recent challenges in Oregon
- IV. Legislative Committee Update
- V. Conference Planning / Intellectual Freedom Champion Award
- VI. Survey on Challenge Reporting Barriers
- VII. Display & Rapid Response Challenge Toolkit
- VIII. Rotating tasks and Tuesday Topics
- IX. Wrap-up



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<p>I. <b>Welcome and call for agenda items</b></p>	
<p>II. <b>Announcements and/or updates on intellectual freedom issues</b> Open forum. All are invited to share.</p> <p>a. <b><a href="#">IFC/OLA Statement</a> - published 12/10</b> Feedback - OLA Facebook <a href="#">post</a> got about a dozen positive reactions (likes, loves), 20 shares . Perry <a href="#">share</a> to BCLD Facebook page with statement got 41 reactions (likes, loves); heated discussion on <a href="#">share</a> to “North County News” Facebook group with over 60 comments, most supporting statement.</p> <p>b. <b>SIFnet “State of the States” Meeting, 12/16/21 - <a href="#">Recording available</a></b> Kristin Pekoll (OIF) intro: “We’re in a time of <i>mass book challenges</i>. The trend is unprecedented.” Deborah Caldwell-Stone has been busy fielding at least two press inquiries per day, up to around 150 media appearances in recent months.</p> <p><b>State trends</b> - Gender Queer/Lawn Boy/All Boys Aren’t Blue challenges, allegations of “child porn”; pressure to remove books from circulation prior to due process review; calls to law enforcement which have generally been rebuffed as not a police matter; legislative efforts to create “harmful to minors” standard for school libraries and weaken/remove library protections; personal attacks on school library staff; partisan takeover of library &amp; school boards; freeze-out of professional librarians on key committees; efforts to create collection / purchasing “oversight” groups; “effort to both change the law regarding obscenity and to reframe what obscenity is in the minds of the public and so you'll see a lot of misinformation and misleading claims around this” – D. Caldwell-Stone; general effort to intimidate and create threatening atmosphere so that libraries avoid controversy and self-censor for job/personal safety.</p> <p><b>Defenses</b> - “Censorship Survival” Advocacy Groups, Hotlines, Rapid Response Teams (roster of youth LGBTQ+ advocate organizations to rally for support; personal contacts at state IF org, people who may attend governing body meetings); Challenge Statements; Toolkits &amp; eBook Guides (<a href="#">Utah</a>); Pocket / name badge IF “at-a-glance” basics for quick talking point reference during discussions; proactive webinar trainings intended for politicians, boards, key community leaders on acquisitions process, IF</p>	



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<p>fundamentals, reconsideration process, legal definitions of “harmful to minors” and “obscenity” (<a href="#">Miller test</a>); <a href="#">Meritt Fund Promotional Toolkit</a> - financial support available for librarians that face legal challenges or have lost jobs due to IF advocacy. *Includes brief promo video</p> <p><a href="#">ALA LibLearnX</a> (Jan 21 - 24) - new virtual professional development, reinvents Mid-winter meeting.</p> <p>c. <b>From Kirsten: #Freedom support templates</b> – “<a href="#">This [Bookriot] article</a> has links to some great templates parents and citizens can use to write in support of their local school libraries and librarians.” Emily or Kirsten to share out on Libs-OR. See also : #Freedom Merch <a href="https://www.freadom.us/merch">https://www.freadom.us/merch</a></p> <p>d. <b>From Miranda: Privacy issues with Sora (Libby for schools) student dashboard</b> - New Student Dashboard feature from Overdrive for schools - Enables school admin to track student access of book title, time of day, how many minutes. Does not appear to record the titles for public library books borrowed through Sora, only the times and minutes reading. May be an agenda topic for future meeting.</p> <p>e. <b>WLA Updates Statement on Intellectual Freedom and the Freedom to Read</b></p> <p>The Washington Library Association has released an updated Statement on Intellectual Freedom and the Freedom to Read.</p> <p><a href="#">Read the statement</a> in full on WLA's Intellectual Freedom Section (IFS) site, and <a href="#">explore other free resources</a> related to intellectual freedom and freedom from censorship.</p> <p>*Discuss: Add <a href="#">NicheAcademy webinar</a> to toolkit?</p>	
<p><b>III. Recent challenges in Oregon</b></p> <p>Open forum report.</p> <p>a. Canby HS challenges - “Gender Queer” and “Bless Me Ultima”</p> <p>“Gender Queer” removed by the Principal - general consensus that policies were not followed</p> <p>“Bless me Ultima” was restricted from classroom use - still available in library</p>	



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<p>b. Roseburg High School voted to retain the book “Milk and Honey”</p> <p>c. City of Albany - “All Boys Aren’t Blue”</p> <p>Requested removal of title by patron - Library Director reached out for support and resources and plans to retain the title.</p> <p>d. Example of Anti-IF Oregon “Parents’ Rights” campaign <a href="#">website</a></p> <p>Excerpt (from bottom of page): “Obscenity in Schools</p> <p>In 1984, President Ronald Reagan signed legislation isolating child pornography as a uniquely tragic and distinct criminal offense. Now, our children are exposed to pornography in a very different way. Graphic descriptions of all forms of sexual activities are made available to students, not only via curriculum but recommended websites. Pornography is now offered as a means of “safe sex.”</p> <p>Although Oregon law (<a href="#">ORS 167.080</a>) makes it a crime (Class A Misdemeanor, fine not exceeding \$10,000) to display obscene materials to minors, there are now legal exceptions. The Exemption Defense law (<a href="#">ORS 167.085</a>), states exempted individuals are “a bona fide school, museum or public library, or individual acting in the course of employment of such entity listed.”</p> <p>*<a href="#">Facebook page</a> has about 6,500 likes</p>	
<p><b>IV. Legislative Committee Update</b></p> <p>??</p>	
<p><b>V. Conference Planning / Intellectual Freedom Champion Award</b></p> <p>Time to send out call for nominations: DEADLINE - Feb 21 2022</p> <p>a. Award Nomination suggestion: Marie Felgentrager, from Roseburg High School</p> <p>From Kirsten</p> <p>“I’ve reached out to Jackie Mills to see if she is available to receive the IF Champion award during our next OLA board meeting on December 3rd (she was not available for our IFC meeting). As soon as she confirms, I’ll let you all know the time. I am working on an announcement to send to Libs-OR and the OLA hotline, and will have that to you on Monday for review. And I’ve drafted my co-worker to create an “IF Champion” superhero-style emblem.”</p> <p><b>The Public Library Association National Conference will be in Portland, March 22</b></p>	



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<p><b>- 25, 2022.</b></p> <p>OLA members can socialize together on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 6 pm at the <a href="#">McMenamins Kennedy School</a>, 5736 NE 33rd Ave, Portland, OR 97211. Snacks and a no-host bar will be available! Planned for the evening:</p> <p>6 - 7 pm. Reconnect with old colleagues, meet new colleagues and touch bases with OLA board officers and other members</p> <p>7 - 8 pm. Participate in an hour of Trivia with Oregon's Jeopardy Librarians</p> <p>8 - 9 pm. Wind Down, say goodnight, conclude the event.</p> <p>PLA will give OLA a booth in the registration area. It could be used to sell merch-EDI Toolkit, swag, etc.</p>	
<p><b>VI. Survey on Challenge Reporting Barriers</b></p> <p><a href="#">Google Form survey</a> revised .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Question 1 responses edited for clarity about reporting to OIFC or ALA.</li><li>● Question 2 responses edited for clarity</li><li>● Question 4 responses expanded with “job security”, “concern BBW may not be an effective strategy...”, “unaware of professional duty”</li><li>● Added question about IFC participation interest</li><li>● Added “(optional)” to non-required questions</li></ul>	
<p><b>VII. Display &amp; Rapid Response Challenge Toolkit</b></p> <p>Here is the LibGuide Draft: <a href="https://libguides.osl.state.or.us/iftoolkit">https://libguides.osl.state.or.us/iftoolkit</a></p> <p>Google doc (which is in the IFC Drive): <a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-Z9stJgqkJ_Bq6l6dBYHdx09NsxOIM03zCw6fqsDXKo/edit?usp=sharing">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-Z9stJgqkJ_Bq6l6dBYHdx09NsxOIM03zCw6fqsDXKo/edit?usp=sharing</a></p>	
<p><b>VIII. Document clean-up: Dropbox vs. google drive</b></p> <p>Moving documents from Dropbox to google drive to support just one platform?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <a href="https://www.dropbox.com/home/IFC%20archive">https://www.dropbox.com/home/IFC%20archive</a></li><li>● <a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/0B3JuYWIh6swfTUJzNG83SEF3RGs?resourcekey=0-Ytnlnw19qllezT8n0NcTwa">https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/0B3JuYWIh6swfTUJzNG83SEF3RGs?resourcekey=0-Ytnlnw19qllezT8n0NcTwa</a></li></ul>	
<p><b>VIII. Rotating tasks and Tuesday Topics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Discussion - how impactful is the list-serv and facebook postings?<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Particularly the list-serve, is this duplicative of other lists that already go out?</li><li>- Future agenda item - vote to discontinue IF-NEWS ListServ</li></ul></li><li>● Review schedule for Tuesday Topics, listserv, and Facebook postings, and identify ideas for future Tuesday Topic posts.</li></ul>	<p><b>VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED</b></p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <i>Before the meeting:</i> review the calendar and Tuesday Topic ideas in the <a href="#">IFC roles rotation and Tuesday Topics</a> google spreadsheet.</li></ul>	
<p><b>IX. Wrap-up: Review action items, set dates for upcoming meetings, conclude meeting</b></p> <p><a href="#">Meeting schedule plan</a></p> <p>Next Meeting(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● PLA Mid-winter Conference social?</li><li>● Apr 22 2022, 9:30 AM (Pacific)</li></ul>	