Censorship Beyond Books

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Our Conversation Today

Beyond Books Examples

What is a Challenge? Statistics & Definitions

My Story

Report & Support

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CENSORSHIP
BY THE NUMBERS

531 Total materials affected in censorship attempts in 2018 (including magazines, films, databases)

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A change in the access of materials, resources, or services based on the content of the work and made by governing authority or its representatives.
Drag Queen Story Hours
• Author Visits
• Immigration Rights, Voter Suppression, Affordable Housing, and Police Brutality
• Yoga
• Holiday Celebrations
• Campus Speakers

Programs & Meeting Rooms

Meeting Rooms, Exhibit Spaces, and Programs Resource Page

○ Meeting Rooms: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights

○ Meeting Rooms Q&A

○ Library-Initiated Programs and Displays as a Resource: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights

○ Responding to and Preparing for Controversial Programs and Speakers Q&A

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Databases & Streaming Services

Access to Digital Resources and Services: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights

“Digital resources and services allow libraries to significantly expand the scope of information available to users. Like all resources and services provided by the library, provision of access to digital resources and services should follow the principles outlined in the Library Bill of Rights to ensure equitable access regardless of content or platform.”
Films, Newspapers, Magazines, Games

Restricted Access to Library Materials: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights

“Libraries are a traditional forum for the open exchange of information. Restricting access to library materials violates the basic tenets of the American Library Association’s Library Bill of Rights.”

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Displays & Artwork

King County Library, Washington

Displays & Artwork

Rumford Public Library, Maine

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Visual and Performing Arts in Libraries: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights

Library-Initiated Programs and Displays as a Resource: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights

User-Initiated Exhibits, Displays, and Bulletin Boards: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights

SUPPORT

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WISSUP = WISCONSIN SPEAKS UP

A Place Where Wisconsinites Can Get Vocal

West Bend Library serves up GAY books to community YOUTH

Children as young as 11 years old have new access to propaganda-like reading material. If this is to cut it, libraries, schools, and governments need to reconsider anti-gay policies.

See the online WISCONSIN Library website and search for yourself. Look at how many are in the YOUNG GAY? section.

http://www.wisconsinlibrarynetwork.org/WESSON111616094605

Here is an excerpt of one on the shelf:

"Bouncing-Club (White, Stonewall, right of scene)"

Whitmore, Men.

Whitmore's latest novel is a fast-paced and funny part of contemporary American life, but it might also be considered propaganda. The characters are drawn from real-life people and events.

Help Clean Up America

Ask your local library to take the trash out

TEN CITIES

YOUR LIBRARY: NO LONGER A SAFE PLACE

West Bend, WI

West Bend Parents For Free Speech

Blog

Please share your opinions and ideas on this issue.

Step By to Sign Our Petition!

Submit your comments at 9:15 PM on AUG 10, 2019

We petition our local library board of West Bend Community Memorial Library in America and exemplify our position that ensures the collective view of diversity and community. We also advocate for the removal of all books that contain material on topics that are in the community, even those that are inappropriate.
West Bend, WI

Support

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Community Shows Up

http://tinyurl.com/wbcml-censorship
Key Takeaways

- Update policies
  - Selection & Reconsideration Policy Toolkit for Public, School, & Academic Libraries
- Educate trustees, staff and colleagues
- Raise awareness of the harms of censorship
- Support is available
spotlights case studies drawn from public libraries, schools, universities, and government agencies dealing with library displays, artwork, programs, bookmarks and reading lists, social media, and databases;
summarizes possible complaints and controversies related to each area;
draws connections between the intellectual freedom principles involved and associated legal issues, with relevant court opinions when possible;
shares questions to consider when strengthening a library’s defenses against censorship;
discusses the importance of reporting challenges to OIF, and the professional and institutional support that OIF can provide when challenges arise; and
includes key ALA policies on intellectual freedom as appendices.

This guide will ensure that libraries are prepared to protect diverse voices from censorship while fostering more inclusive institutions that represent and welcome all people and ideas.

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“Censorship thrives in silence; silence is its aim.”

Jamie LaRue

Thank You

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