

Intellectual Freedom Programs at the 2005 ALA Annual Conference
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Saturday, June 25

**Religion and Intellectual Freedom:
Divine Revelation in the Marketplace of Ideas**

Sponsored by the ALA Intellectual Freedom Round Table

Saturday, June 25, 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., McCormick Place, N427

How can libraries serve both the religious and the secular demands made by members of their communities? Does demonstrating respect for religious life conflict with the separation of church and state? Come and explore these questions with our distinguished panelists.

Speakers:

- * **Martin E. Marty**, professor emeritus, University of Chicago, editor of *Fundamentalisms Observed* (The Fundamentalism Project), and author of *The Promise of Grace: A Journey of Faith*
- * **Susan Jacoby**, author of *Freethinkers : A History of American Secularism*
- * **Mike Wessells**, librarian, Timberland Regional Library and Pentecostal pastor
- * **Doug Archer**, librarian, University of Notre Dame and Church of the Brethren minister

Sunday, June 26

**Ethics and Librarianship:
Alternative Perspectives on the ALA Code of Ethics**

Sponsored by the ALA Committee on Professional Ethics

Sunday, June 26, 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., McCormick Place, S105d

Relevant or relic? Does the ALA Code of Ethics live up to the challenges of the new millennium? Join the Committee on Professional Ethics for the first in a series of panel discussions and open forums to determine if the Code is sufficient or needs revision.

**Tiny Trackers:
Protecting Privacy in an RFID World**

Cosponsored by the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, the ALA Office for Information Technology Policy, and the LITA Technology and Access Committee

Sunday, June 26, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., McCormick Place S404

This program is a follow-up to the successful RFID program held at the 2004 Annual Conference in Orlando. Panel members will discuss recent developments in RFID technology and the policy environment, privacy concerns, RFID issues specific to libraries and more.

Speakers:

- * **Jim Lichtenberg**, president of LIGHTSPEED, LLC, based in New York City
- * **David Molnar**, a graduate student in computer science at UC-Berkeley
- * **Jackie Griffin**, director of Library Services, Berkeley Public Library

**We've Got Your Back:
Librarians and Teens Speak Out on Intellectual Freedom**

Cosponsored by the ALA Intellectual Freedom Round Table and the ALA Young Adult Library Services Association

Sunday, June 26, 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., McCormick Place, S403

This program seeks to provide practical information on how Young Adult librarians can stand strong in defense of intellectual freedom. Real-life challenges to intellectual freedom will be shared by teens and librarians, and discussion will follow, with audience participation encouraged. A lawyer with expertise in the area of teen rights and intellectual freedom will be present to offer suggestions on how librarians can react to such challenges.

Speakers:

- * **Traci Truly**, Lawyer and author of *Teen Rights: A Legal Guide for Teens and the Adults in Their Lives* (Legal Survival Guides)
- * **Erin V. Helmrich**, Teen Services Librarian, Ann Arbor (MI) District Library
- * **Anne Heideman**, Youth Services Manager, Chippewa River District Library, Veterans Memorial Library, Mt. Pleasant, MI

Monday, June 27

IFC Issues Briefing Session

Sponsored by the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee

Monday, June 27, 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., Chicago Hilton and Towers, Waldorf

Please join us for a briefing session on the intellectual freedom hot topics at this conference.

Protecting Anonymity on the Internet

Monday, June 27, from 10:30 to Noon., Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers

Cosponsored by the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee and the ALA Committee on Legislation. Panel members will discuss who is trying to prevent anonymity on the Internet and why, why anonymity is important, and how people can protect their anonymity.

Speakers:

- * **Franklin S. Reeder**, The Reeder Group
- * **Paul Alan Levy**, Public Citizen Litigation Group

Intellectual Freedom: A Casualty of War?

Monday, June 27, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., McCormick Place, S403

Cosponsored by the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, the Association of American Publishers Freedom to Read Committee, and the American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression

It is said that the first casualty of war is the truth. Certainly, experience has shown that during wartime, access to information and the freedom to express ideas have become curtailed. This session will explore the history of Intellectual Freedom in wartime, the extent to which the current wars have impacted speech, and strategies for the book and information communities to help maintain our liberties during "perilous times."

Speakers:

- * **Geoffrey R. Stone**, Harry Kalven, Jr. Distinguished Service Professor of Law, University of Chicago Law School, and author of *Perilous Times: Free Speech in Wartime from The Sedition Act of 1798 to The War on Terrorism*
- * **Floyd Abrams**, a partner in the New York law firm of Cahill Gordon & Reindel, the William J. Brennan, Jr. Visiting Professor of First Amendment Law at the Columbia

Graduate School of Journalism, and author of *Speaking Freely: Trials of the First Amendment*