

Selected Intellectual Freedom Programs, New Orleans 2006

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IFRT Sponsored and Co-Sponsored programs are bolded in blue.

----- **Saturday, June 24** -----

Intellectual Freedom in Rural Libraries: How to Keep the Library for Everyone

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Morial Convention Center, Rm. 346-347

PLA Library Development Cluster Steering Committee

Given the special nature of small communities, often conservative in thinking, a librarian in a rural public library, who is often an outsider to begin with, must function as defender of intellectual freedom and resist attempts to censor the collection or programs. In this situation, how does one keep the library for everyone?

Speakers:

Dr. John Ellison, Associate Professor, LIS, SUNY-Buffalo.

Vanilla Collections: Have Alternative Viewpoints Disappeared from Academic Libraries?

10:30 am-12:00 p.m.
Sheraton New Orleans, Rhythms Ballroom I/II

Association of College & Research Libraries Intellectual Freedom Committee
Association for Library Collections & Technical Services Collection Management and
Development Section

Intellectual freedom advocates worry that academic libraries are creating homogeneous, vanilla-flavored collections that no longer pay enough attention to alternative viewpoints. Lack of time and money for individual selection has led to an increasing reliance upon approval plans, standing orders, and pre-approved choices. The program will present the experiences of an alternative publisher and a vendor in selling to libraries. A third speaker will give the library

perspective. Come hear more about this controversial topic.

Speakers:

Charles Willett, Counterpoise, Gainesville, FL; Bob Nardini, Yankee Book Peddler, Contoocook, NH; Bart Harloe, St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY

IFRT Awards Presentation and Membership Reception (light lunch)

12:00p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Morial Convention Center Room 343.

This event immediately precedes the main IFRT program (see next entry) to be held in the adjoining room (344). This is an opportunity to meet our 2006 IFRT award winners and the featured speakers.

Acknowledging Native Perspectives on the American Experience

1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Morial Convention Center, Rm. 344

Intellectual Freedom Round Table

American Indian Library Association

Office for Literacy and Outreach Services (OLOS) Subcommittee on Library Services to American Indians.

The historic and contemporary experiences of America's indigenous peoples have been excluded from mainstream American scholarship and culture. A self-perpetuating cycle of bias has dismissed Native viewpoints, perpetuated stereotypes, and diminished their part in America's history and heritage. This program will look at ways in which libraries and librarians can preserve and promote access to Native perspectives.

Speakers:

Arlene Naquin, Pointe-au-Chien Tribe, Council of Elders, Terrebonne Parish, LA; Richie Plass, musician/poet/traditional dancer/activist, Menominee Stockbridge/Munsee Tribe, Oneida Indian Reservation WI; Christine Rose, Executive Director, Students and Teachers Against Racism (STAR) and Changing Winds Seminars, Fairfield, CT; Rennard Strickland, Osage/Cherokee heritage, Philip H. Knight Professor of Law, University of Oregon Law School, Eugene, OR. Panelists: Naomi Caldwell, enrolled member, Ramapough Lenape Nation, Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Rhode Island; Carlene Engstrom, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe, Director, D'Arcy McNickle Library, Salish Kootenai College, Flathead Indian Reservation MT; Richenda Wilkinson, Multicultural Librarian, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR; Maria Escalante, Director of Library Services, College of

the Menominee Nation, Keshena WI.

For more information on the speakers and a webliography of resources on Native Americans, please visit the IFRT 2006 Program web page at:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/ifrt/ifrtinaction/programb/2006.htm>

----- Sunday, June 25 -----

EMERGE - ENLIGHTEN - ENRICH

10:30 am-12:00 p.m.

Sheraton New Orleans, Rhythms Ballroom III

Association for Library Trustees and Advocates

EMERGE from the throws of darkness, "ENLIGHTEN" with the glory of libraries, "ENRICH" with free access to information to keep our democracy strong. Come hear speakers Judith Krug, Candace Morgan and Atty. Helen Kohlman examine intellectual freedom issues as it has impacted libraries in the past, the present and the future. Panelists will discuss issues that concern libraries and options available in today's world. Q & A will be provided.

Speakers:

Judith Krug, Director, ALA/ Office for Intellectual Freedom; Candace Morgan; Helen Kohlman; Attorney

Religious Diversity @ your library: Equitable and Respectful Library Services to Users of Diverse Religious Backgrounds

10:30 am-12:00 p.m.

Morial Convention Center, Room 291

ALA Office for Diversity

For many, religious faith and practice is a key definer of personal identity. Religious expression and the sharing of mutual values can bring disparate communities together. However, religion has also been seen as a divisive element, alienating communities. This program focuses on religious diversity and the role libraries can play in respecting and advocating for religious freedom; educating communities about religious differences; and reaching out to existing and potential users from various religious backgrounds.

Speakers:

Barbara Pickell, Director, Clearwater Public Library; Doug Archer, University Libraries of Notre Dame; Jack Montgomery, Collections Coordinator, Western Kentucky University Libraries; Cheryl Aboudola, Director, Tiverton Library Services; Nathan Parker, Chicago Public Library.

Ethics and Librarianship: Perspectives on the ALA Code of Ethics

1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Morial Convention Center, Rm. 295-296

ALA Committee on Professional Ethics

This is the third program in a series to explore whether revision and expansion of the ALA Code of Ethics may be desired in light of increasing professional concerns, such as the impact of anti-terrorism legislation and the Association's recent discussion of core values. Our speakers will include representatives from ALA units with different perspectives on codes of ethics.

Speakers:

Leslie Burger (ALA pres-elect), June Pinnell-Stephens (ALA-EBD), Elaine Harger (SRRT), Candace Morgan (IFC), and Frances Maloy (ACRL).

The Ethnic Press, Libraries, and Community: How We Can Strengthen the Ties

1:30-3:30 p.m.

Morial Convention Center, Rm. 397

Social Responsibilities Round Table
Intellectual Freedom Round Table
Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange

Representatives of the Ethnic Press and Libraries discuss the role of the ethnic press in community building, and how libraries can help strengthen and reinforce that relationship to promote Intellectual Freedom and further the common good.

Speakers:

Nancy Kranich, Past President, American Library Association; George E. Curry, Editor-In-Chief, NNPA News Service and Black PressUSA.com; Juana Ponce de Leon, Director, Grass Roots Media Project, IPA. Additional speakers to be announced

Tiny Trackers: How to Implement RFID Technologies in Libraries Without Giving Up Our Principles

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Morial Convention Center, Rm. 288-289

ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee
ALA Office for Information Technology Policy
LITA Technology and Access Committee

Prior to the 2006 Annual Conference, the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee circulated its latest draft "Guidelines for Implementing RFID Technologies in Libraries: Privacy and Intellectual Freedom Concerns." Learn how these guidelines can assist you in using or determining whether to use RFID technologies in your libraries. Following the presentations, questions will be solicited from the audience.

Speakers:

Jackie Griffin, former Director, Berkeley (CA) Public Library; Jim Lichtenberg, President, Lightspeed, LLC, NY; Laura Quilter, Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law.

----- **Monday, June 26** -----

Meet John Doe

8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Morial Convention Center, Rm. 278-282

ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee

On June 26, ALA President Michael Gorman will host a program entitled "Meet John Doe." All four "John Does" (George Christian, Barbara Bailey, Peter Chase, and Janet Nocek) will join President Gorman to discuss the effects of the gag order on their lives both professionally and personally.

What to Do When the Feds Come A'Knocking: What the Reauthorization of the USA PATRIOT Act Means for Librarians

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Morial Convention Center, Rm. 295-296

ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee
ALA Committee on Legislation

Join us for an in-depth report on what librarians gained when the USA PATRIOT Act reauthorization legislation was signed into law on March 9, 2006—and why we still have work to do! In addition, model policies will be introduced to help librarians cope with law enforcement inquiries.

Speakers:

Deborah Caldwell-Stone, Deputy Director, Office for Intellectual Freedom; Patrice McDermott, Deputy Director, Office of Government Relations.

Intellectual Freedom: Views through a Cross-cultural Lens

1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Morial Convention Center, Room 393

International Relations Round Table

How is intellectual freedom viewed and supported around the world? Are technology and globalization trends changing the dialogue about intellectual freedom in other countries? Intellectual Freedom is a concept that is fundamental to many US librarians. However, the understanding of intellectual freedom varies from country to country and may or may not be considered to be an important part of a library's philosophy. In this session, we will explore how the concept of intellectual freedom is perceived by our colleagues in China, the Middle East, and Africa, and how intellectual freedom is implemented in their libraries.

Speakers:

Keynote Speaker: Robert Wedgeworth, President and CEO, ProLiteracy Worldwide; Yue Li, Resource Services, University of Florida Library; Jordan Scepanksi, Former Dean, Zayed University Library, Dubai, UAE; Angel Batiste, African and Middle Eastern Division, Library of Congress

Nothing But the Facts: Why Preventing the Discussion of Intelligent Design in Science Classes Is Not a Free Speech Issue

1:30-3:30 p.m.
Morial Convention Center, Rm. 294

ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee
Association of American Publishers Freedom to Read Committee

American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression

Rev. Barry Lynn, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, and Professor Michael Ruse will explore why preventing the teaching of intelligent design in science classes is not a free speech issue. They also will discuss how intelligent design proponents are pressing their agenda at school boards and how to stand up for teaching science in science classes.

Speakers:

Rev. Barry Lynn, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State;
Michael Ruse, Professor of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Florida State University.