

TO: ALA Executive Board

RE: Intellectual Freedom and Social Justice

ACTION REQUESTED/INFORMATION/REPORT: Discussion.

ACTION REQUESTED BY: Office for Intellectual Freedom.

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DRAFT OF MOTION: N/A

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BACKGROUND: Among college students, support for intellectual freedom is falling; support for social justice is rising. Within ALA, intellectual freedom remains a core value; equity, diversity, and inclusion is both a value and a strategic direction. Censorship challenges are on the rise. There has been a surge of hate crimes in libraries, and violent protests have occurred on college campuses. A popular meme among some librarians has been “punch a Nazi.” This guided exercise will provide a chance for the Executive Board to explore the intersection of intellectual freedom and social justice *in practice*.

AVAILABILITY: The meeting is scheduled for Saturday, 10/18, at noon, I believe I can be available for the morning and afternoon.

ATTACHMENTS:

- [The Library Bill of Rights \(I can bring copies of the brochure\)](#)
- [Diversity in Collection Development: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights](#)
- [Equity, Diversity, Inclusion: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights](#)
- [Library Initiated Programs as a Resource: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights](#)
- [Meeting Rooms: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights](#)