

**YALSA Board of Directors
2021 Annual Conference, Virtual
June 26, 2021**

Topic: ALA Liaison Report

Action: Discussion

Updates:

Conference Committee: Conference Committee is committed to making LibLearnX educational and place to celebrate awards and not a re-named MidWinter. A committee of 13 members with varied roles within different library types was formed to work on the programming. YALSA will still announce YMAAs at LibLearnX.

Committee on Library Advocacy (COLA): COLA has created a School Library Advocacy Infographic that shows the importance of having a certified librarian in a school library. It will be released at Annual.

Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC) and Committee on Legislation (COL): IFC is submitting a Resolution in Support of Open Educational Resources to Council to affirm the use of OER. YALSA should continue to promote the discovery and dissemination of effective and authoritative OER resources to support the learning of young adults.

IFC and COL are submitting a Resolution on U.S. Enterprises Abridgement of Free Speech to reaffirm the Association's commitment to free speech and free expression.

IFC is addressing the issue of privacy and has created three privacy field guides that are being piloted in different library types. The field guides talk about *Vendor Privacy* and how vendors handle user information, *How to Talk About Privacy*, and *How to Create a Privacy Policy*. The field guides, once released, will provide valuable information to YALSA members.

IFC has created a working group to craft a Q&A document that will address issues/questions that arise with books by problematic authors in library and school collections.

Freedom To Read Foundation (FTRF): The FTRF is watching many litigation cases that impede freedoms. A few of them have direct implications to young adults. One of the cases currently pending before the U.S. Supreme Court is about students' First Amendment rights when they are at school. The case could give school administrators broad and subjective discretion to discipline off-campus speech. Another case in Texas is hoping to be overturned or amended concerning a criminal statute that is intended to bar disclosure of nude images without consent of the person depicted. However, the law as passed was written so broadly that it could be used to prosecute the distribution of images that are newsworthy or educational, which could impact educational research, and put library workers at risk of prosecution.

FTRF has joined with National Coalition Against Censorship at send letters concerning book censorship in two Texas school districts.

Action Items:

There are no action items at this time.