

**ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee
Report to Council
2015 Midwinter Meeting
Chicago, IL
Tuesday, February 3, 2015**

The ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC) is pleased to present this update of its activities.

UPDATE

During the 2014 Annual Conference in Las Vegas, NV, the IFC proposed revisions to 14 Interpretations to the Library Bill of Rights for inclusion in the 9th edition of the Intellectual Freedom Manual. All of the proposed revisions to the Interpretations were adopted by Council. During the discussion of the resolutions, the IFC was tasked to review the Labeling and Ratings System Interpretation after Annual and report back to Council on its findings. After review, the IFC has decided to split Labeling and Rating Systems into three separate Interpretations and will send the drafts to ALA Council in April for review and comment prior to submitting the revised Interpretations for approval at the 2015 ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco.

INFORMATION

The Intellectual Freedom Manual Ninth Edition

Editor Trina Magi of the University of Vermont has re-imagined and re-designed the 9th

news! The Board voted unanimously to keep **Persepolis** in our curriculum. Principal Jim Lee did a wonderful job in his presentation, extensively using materials you sent me. The decision is being reported in our local newspaper and radio stations. So we're all pretty happy here. Thank

Every quarter there are web meetings to connect state IFC chairs and AASL IF affiliates. We discuss state, local, and national intellectual freedom issues; the projects and programs OIF and various chapter IFCs are working on; and how ALA can provide assistance and support to the state IFCs and members of state affiliates.

Robert B. Downs Award

This year's recipient of the University Of Illinois Graduate School Of Library and Information Science's Robert B. Downs Intellectual Freedom Award are the staff and trustees of the Orland Park Public Library. The award recognizes the steadfast commitment of the staff and trustees to intellectual freedom and the principles established in the Library Bill of Rights as demonstrated by their decision to maintain the library's policy of not filtering adults' internet access despite a protracted year-long controversy fostered by pro-filtering advocates. The Office for Intellectual Freedom and the Freedom to Read Foundation were pleased to provide support and assistance to Orland Park Public Library as they fought to protect freedom of access.

PROJECTS

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defenders of free expression, were equally shocked by this event. In order to express solidarity with our French library colleagues and affirm the basic human right of free expression, the American Library Association's International Relations Committee and its Intellectual Freedom Committee have jointly prepared the following resolution for action by ALA's governing Council.

The Intellectual Freedom Committee moves the adoption of the following action item:

CD # 19.1, Resolution Denouncing the Recent Attack on Charlie Hebdo and Other Attacks on the Freedom of Expression

In closing, the Intellectual Freedom Committee thanks the division and chapter intellectual freedom committees, the Intellectual Freedom Round Table, the unit liaisons, and the OIF staff for their commitment, assistance, and hard work.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Resolution Denouncing Recent Assaults on the Freedom of Expression
as Exemplified in the Attack on Charlie Hebdo

Whereas the American Library Association has long been on record affirming the freedom of expression as described in Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Policy B.6.2.1 Article 19 of the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights);

Whereas the American Library Association has been a staunch advocate for and defender of the freedom of the press and the freedom of speech contained in the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America;

Whereas the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights states: "Libraries should challenge censorship in the fulfillment of their responsibility to provide information and enlightenment" and that "Libraries should cooperate with all persons and groups concerned with resisting abridgment of free expression and free access to ideas;" (Policy B.2.1 Library Bill of Rights)

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Resolution Denouncing Recent Assaults on the Freedom of Expression as Exemplified in the Attack on Charlie Hebdo/2

5. directs Keith Michael Fiels, Executive Director of the American Library Association to communicate its support and resolve to Francois Hollande, President of the French Republic for the people of France and to our colleagues of L'Association des Bibliothécaires de France.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
Tuesday, February 3, 2015, in Chicago, Illinois

Keith Michael Fiels
Executive Director and Secretary of the ALA Council

*Committee for the Protection of Journalists, www.cpj.org