



Montana Library Association

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MLA BOARD REPORTS

Office held/Chair of: Intellectual Freedom Committee

Reported By: Jim Kammerer

Date: 6/16/17

Progress or Successes since Last Meeting:

- Welcomed one new member to IFC committee: Angela Jordan from Butte-Silverbow Public Library.
- Judy Hart, Dana Carmichael, Ann Kish, Matt Beckstrom, and Jim Kammerer hosted March 30th, MLA panel discussion “Intellectual Freedom and Your Library.” IFC got useful input from Montana librarians about their support needs.
- Lauren McMullen posted announcement on Wired-MT about new members and an “elevator speech” to maintain/heighten awareness about IFC activities amongst MLA members. Drew attention again about the availability of resources and support on our IFC wiki.
- May 16, 2017, Jim Kammerer attended online State of the States meeting archived here: [recording](#). Attendees were IFC representatives from across U.S.

New Issues:

- Jim Kammerer submitted MLA 2018 budget request to host Jamie LaRue, ALA director of Office for Intellectual Freedom Office and Marci Merola, ALA director, Office of Library Advocacy. Spoke by phone and email several times with them to determine their compensation requirements. They would fly in from Chicago and lead two boot camps that include workbooks and training on advocacy and intellectual freedom in exchange for travel/lodging.

Board Action Requested: IFC hopes for a positive decision on budget request.

Other Comments:

- Banned Books Week – September 24-30th. <http://www.ala.org/bbooks/>
- Constitution Day – September 17, 2017. <https://loc.gov/teachers/constitutionday.html>

Financial Report: FY 2017 budget: \$1,000

Amount spent: \$00.00

Freedom to Read Foundation \$250 membership to be paid 5/11/2017