



# Montana Library Association

*From the Mountains to the Prairies*

## **MLA BOARD REPORTS**

Office held/Chair of: Intellectual Freedom Committee

Reported By: Jim Kammerer

Date: 3/9/17

### **Progress or Successes since Last Meeting:**

Held online meeting, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

- Welcomed two new members: Jaci Wilkinson-UM Missoula—Web Services Librarian; and Gavin Woltjer, Director, Billings Public Library.
- Discussed/planned format of MLA panel discussion.
- Update on MLA IFC reporting form that protects user privacy and security. Decided against using Google forms for reporting library challenges. Still working with MLA web manager on a more private submission form.
- MLA board approved becoming a member of the Montana Newspaper Association. MNA is a natural partner for 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment issues and literacy.

### **New Issues:**

- Jim uploaded some library challenge policies/procedures from Montana public and school libraries. More policies need to be added to wiki as examples.
- IFC is interested in creating a single web page on the MLA website to provide easier access to IFC information. Many links would still point to existing wiki. IFC member has offered to code in HTML to ease MLA web manager's responsibility.
- Sheila Bonnard sits on ALA IFC roundtable. Sheila suggested to MLA IFC that we host an advocacy/IFC boot camp at MLA 2018 and invite national speaker(s). IFC members were receptive to idea and decided to form a subcommittee to continue working on this. Current ALA IFC chair James LaRue mentioned as possible speaker. MLA IFC will suggest him as a possible keynote speaker. If not as a keynote speaker, we will find alternate means to fund his travel and lodging expense. May partner with ACLU or Montana Newspaper Association for funding.

### **Board Action Requested:**

### **Other Comments:**

Sunshine Week March 12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>

- MLA IFC has not heard of any Montana libraries having planned activities.
- More info at <http://sunshineweek.rcfp.org/>

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

**Amount spent: \$00.00**

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