



Montana Library Association

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MLA BOARD REPORTS

Office held/Chair of:

Intellectual Freedom Committee

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Progress or Successes Since Our Last Meeting:

--MLA board approved IFC nomination for annual award to Mark Wetherington and Bitterroot Public Library board.

--IFC members agreed on the need for a formal written agreement for IFC to maintain a library challenges map and database project begun by Sheila Bonnand and MSU staff. An agreement will support the future maintenance of this map and database.

-- --MLA IFC met online on 04-03-2018. Meeting materials available at <http://mlaif.pbworks.com/w/page/108551893/IFC%20Meeting%20Materials>

New Issues:

--Imaginelf libraries requested suggestions for a presenter at their May 18 staff meeting on library's role in social justice, 1st Amendment-intellectual freedom, and how to make these part of the service culture at the front desk. Lauren suggested Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson and asks IFC members to suggest others in case Lisa is not available. The Academic Libraries Symposium is scheduled for the same day, so that eliminates some potential presenters.

--IFC members will ask permission to give brief recruitment speech at division luncheons at MLA. IFC membership list has three school library vacancies.

--IFC needs to submit a roster of members for the coming year including a new IFC chair to the MLA president and board.

--Matt Beckstrom with strong IFC support will take Net Neutrality resolution to general membership meeting for a vote at MLA conference.

Board Action Requested: No requests for board action at this time.

Other Comments: Choose Privacy Week, April 1-7, 2018. More info at <https://chooseprivacyweek.org/>

Financial Report: FY 2018 budget: \$1000

Amount spent: \$250.00 (Freedom to Read membership)