

Intellectual Freedom Committee

Purpose:

- To uphold and advocate for the value of intellectual freedom and privacy in Virginia's libraries by monitoring and reporting on intellectual freedom issues in the Commonwealth.

Objectives:

1. To inform Council and the membership of threats to intellectual freedom in the Commonwealth and recommend such action as may be necessary to safeguard intellectual freedom in relation to the libraries of the Commonwealth. Such actions may include, but are not limited to, advocacy, advertisements, representation at meetings or hearings, letters to the media, and moral support to local librarians.
2. To stay informed concerning matters which have been brought before the ALA Committee on Intellectual Freedom. Inform the Executive Committee when a particular case may require that committee's attention.
3. To represent VLA to ALA, the media, and other groups or individuals on questions of intellectual freedom.
4. To develop educational programs and training opportunities concerning intellectual freedom and privacy, such as conference presentations and awareness campaigns for Freedom of Information Day, Choose Privacy Week, activities and Banned Books Week.
5. When warranted, to administer the ~~biannual~~ VLA Intellectual Freedom Award and select award recipient.

Officers and Membership:

- Chair: The chair is appointed by the Vice President/President-Elect for a two-year term and serves as a member of Council. During the second year of his/her term, the Chair may recommend a Chair designee to the Vice President/President-Elect for the upcoming year.
- Membership: The Second Vice President appoints at least six members, ~~one from each region~~, for two-year terms. Ideally, terms are staggered. Committee members pay Association dues by January 1 of each year of office.

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