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ALA's Intellectual Freedom Committee has voted to re-examine its statement of responsibility. Four hours of open hearings will be held Saturday, June 24, from noon to 4 p.m. All interested ALA members or representatives of ALA units are urged to attend. The hearings are being held during ALA's annual conference in Chicago in order to get as many members' views as possible.

Issued in 1970, the current statement of responsibility reads as follows:

To recommend such steps as may be necessary to safeguard the rights of library users, libraries, and librarians, in accordance with the First Amendment to the United States Constitution and the Library Bill of Rights as adopted by the ALA Council. To work closely with the Office for Intellectual Freedom and with other units and officers of the Association in matters touching intellectual freedom and censorship.

The committee will consider comments gathered during the hearings if and when it revises the statement.

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