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Intellectual Freedom Highlights

- Securing Patron Privacy (http://www.ala.org/alcts/confevents/upcoming/webinar/110817), ALCTS webinar on Wednesday, November 8 at 1 pm Central; "Article III of the ALA Code of Ethics reads "We protect each library user's right to privacy and confidentiality with respect to information sought or received and resources consulted, borrowed, acquired or transmitted." But do we, when those materials are online? Can we? How?"
- Tackling Fake News, (http://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2017/10/tackling-fake-news-american-libraries-live-webcast) an American Libraries Live Webcast on Wednesday, November 1 at 1 pm Eastern; "How can help our users filter the real from the fake? How can we maintain our professional obligation to ensure equal access to information in a politically charged time where it seems like not all information is created equal?"

Censorship

- Politics at play when banning books (https://today.yougov.com/news/2017/10/23/politics-play-when-banning-books/) | YouGov; "55% of Republicans think that texts with homosexual or transgender characters should be banned from elementary school libraries."
- Biloxi school district resumes teaching on banned novel (http://www.wapt.com/article/biloxi-school-district-resumes-teaching-on-banned-novel/13094384) | WAPT News; "School officials said they'll begin teaching it again in class starting Monday. Students, however, have to ask to participate and return a permission slip signed by a parent."
    - 'To Kill a Mockingbird' banned in Mississippi school: ASU reacts (http://www.statepress.com/article

/2017/10/spartcult-to-kill-a-mockingbird-banned) | The State Press
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- 'To Kill a Mockingbird' still flies in Montana schools, but other books face challenges (http://billingsgazette.com/news/local/to-kill-a-mockingbird-still-flies-in-montana-schools-but/article_61425f56-dccc-5343-9672-2621f7790c6d.html) | Billings Gazette
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Privacy

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- How lobbyists convinced lawmakers to kill a broadband privacy bill (https://arstechnica.com/tech-policy/2017/10/broadband-privacy-rules-would-help-terrorists-lobbyists-told-lawmakers/) | Ars Technica
- Happy Patriot Act Day! (https://www.justsecurity.org/46334/happy-patriot-act-day/) | Just Security
- Senate diverges over renewal of internet spying law (https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-cyber-surveillance-congress/senate-diverges-over-renewal-of-internet-spying-law-idUSKBN1CT18J) | Reuters
- Court Rules Public Records on Personal Email Accounts Are Subject to Release (https://m.sevendaysvt.com/OffMessage/archives/2017/10/20/court-rules-public-records-on-personal-accounts-are-subject-to-release) | Seven Days
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- Government surveillance threatens free speech: Support for the USA RIGHTS Act and opposition to DHS social media protocols (http://ncac.org/blog/government-surveillance-threatens-free-speech-support-for-the-usa-rights-act-and-opposition-to-dhs-social-media-protocols) | NCAC
- Why governments should protect us from barely-taxed tech monopolies (http://Why governments should protect us from barely-taxed tech monopolies) | The Guardian

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Access

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- Here's how you can borrow books from the State Library (http://www.newsobserver.com/news/politics-government/article180368041.html) | News & Observer; "For the first time in its 200-year history, the Government & Heritage Library at the State Library of North Carolina is issuing library cards to state residents and letting them take home books and other items from its extensive historical collection."
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Free Press, Social Media, and Fake News

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- Trump's already largely won his war against the media (https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/politics/wp/2017/10/20/trumps-already-largely-won-his-war-against-the-media/) | Washington Post

Net Neutrality and Broadband Access

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- Shouting down free speech (http://www.newseuminstitute.org/2017/10/26/shouting-down-free-speech/) | The Newseum
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- Determined undergrad helps school in Nigeria rebuild after terrorist attack (https://news.virginia.edu/content/determined-undergrad-helps-school-nigeria-rebuild-after-terrorist-attack) | UVA Today

ALA News

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