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# Highlights

- Intellectual Freedom & Privacy Events in our Nation's Capitol (https://www.oif.ala.org/oif/?p=17837) | OIF Blog; "ALA's Annual Conference is in Washington D.C. this year, and the Office for Intellectual Freedom (http://www.ala.org/aboutala/offices/oif) will be there staffing committee meetings, programs, and social events."

# Censorship

- Delaware County library cancels teen drag event (https://www.dispatch.com/news/20190529/delaware-county-library-cancels-teen-drag-event) | The Columbus Dispatch (OH)
    - Ohio public library cancels 'Drag 101' class after receiving 'veiled threats' (https://thehill.com/blogs/blog-briefing-room/news/446072-ohio-public-library-cancels-drag-101-class-after-receiving)| The Hill
- Christian group trying to stop drag queen storytime at Fall River library (https://www.heraldnews.com/news/20190529/christian-group-trying-to-stop-drag-queen-storytime-at-fall-river-library) | The Herald News (MA)
- A Drag Queen Story Hour is coming to Fall River's library — and now a group is planning to protest it (https://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2019/05/30/drag-queen-story-hour-coming-fall-river-library-and-now-group-planning-protest/HFLCGMO7l8513lvWLu7kOO/story.html) | Boston Globe
- Leander church to host 'Drag Queen Story Time' after City cancels library event (https://www.kvue.com/article/news/leander-church-to-host-drag-queen-story-time-after-city-cancels-library-

event/269-0eefab42-1cc8-4763-90fa-ddf172ec2b6c) | KVUE.com (TX)
- New Hampshire prisons ban books critical of prison system, award winners (https://bookriot.com/2019/05/28/new-hampshire-prisons-ban-books/) | Book Riot
- Illinois prison removes more than 200 books from prison library (https://will.illinois.edu/news/story/illinois-prison-removes-more-than-200-books-from-prison-library) | Illinois Public Media News
- Kansas Prisoners Banned From Reading 'A Game of Thrones' Along With Thousands of Other Books (https://www.newsweek.com/kansas-prisoners-banned-reading-game-thrones-along-thousands-other-books-1440556) | Newsweek
- ACLU calling for Arizona prisons to lift ban on Black author's book (https://rollingout.com/2019/05/27/aclu-calling-for-ban-lifted-on-black-authors-book-in-arizona-prisons/) | Rollingout.com
- Compromise reached over disputed Los Angeles school mural (https://ncac.org/news/compromise-reached-over-disputed-los-angeles-school-mural) | NCAC

# Privacy

- All the ways Google tracks you – and how to stop it (https://www.wired.com/story/google-tracks-you-privacy/?CNDID=46196079&CNDID=46196079&bxid=MjM5NjgxNTIwMTI4S0&hasha=f26d426a02efba0f12c5b5df5a6aaa7c&hashb=fe8357deb37ff6dc8a8418e2eb93ed380c72ff23&mbid=nl_052819_daily_list1_p4&source=DAILY_NEWSLETTER&utm_brand=wired&utm_mailing=WIRED%20NL%20052819%20(1)&utm_medium=email&utm_source=nl) | Wired
- Spokane Public Library investigating after video of fight surfaces in mayoral campaign (https://www.spokesman.com/stories/2019/may/29/library-investigating-after-video-of-fight-surface/) | The Spokesman-Review
- Schools are deploying massive digital surveillance systems. The results are alarming (https://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2019/05/30/schools-are-deploying-massive-digital-surveillance-systems.html) | Education Week
- The First Public Schools In The US Will Start Using Facial Recognition Next Week (https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/daveyalba/lockport-schools-facial-recognition-pilot-aegis)| BuzzFeed
- As Surveillance Culture Grows, Can we Even Hope to Escape its Reach? (https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2019/may/19/as-surveillance-culture-grows-can-we-even-hope-to-escape-its-reach) | The Guardian
- A new bill would force companies to check their algorithms for bias (https://www.theverge.com/2019/4/10/18304960/congress-algorithmic-accountability-act-wyden-clarke-booker-bill-introduced-house-senate) | The Verge
- The Government Is Expanding Its Social Media Surveillance Capabilities (https://www.brennancenter.org/blog/government-expanding-its-social-media-surveillance-capabilities) | Brennan Center for Justice

Catch up with all the privacy news with the Privacy News Update (https://chooseprivacyeveryday.org/privacy-news-for-may-31/) on the ChoosePrivacyEveryday (http://www.chooseprivacyeveryday.org) site.

# Access

- The Digital Public Library of America has re-released the Mueller Report as a well-formatted ebook instead of a crappy PDF (https://boingboing.net/2019/05/24/pdfs-suck.html) | Boing Boing
- Eliminating librarian positions limits intellectual freedom (https://www.oif.ala.org/oif/?p=17928) | OIF Blog
- To meet the 'Plan S' open-access mandate, journals mull setting papers free at publication (https://www.sciencemag.org/news/2019/05/meet-plan-s-open-access-mandate-journals-mull-setting-papers-free-publication) | Science Magazine

# Net Neutrality and Broadband Access

- FCC cuts bogus data from yearly broadband report, acts like nothing happened (https://gizmodo.com/fcc-cuts-bogus-data-from-yearly-broadband-report-acts-1835074451) | Gizmodo
    - What does the FCC's Broadband Deployment Report tell us about the digital divide? (https://www.benton.org/blog/what-does-fcc%E2%80%99s-broadband-deployment-report-tell-us-about-digital-divide-0) | Benton Foundation Digital Beat
- 47 Democrats cave on net neutrality after GOP calls bill "dead on arrival" (https://arstechnica.com/tech-policy/2019/05/47-democrats-cave-on-net-neutrality-after-gop-calls-bill-dead-on-arrival/) | Ars Technica
- (https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/)Digital gap between rural and nonrural America persists (https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2019/05/31/digital-gap-between-rural-and-nonrural-america-persists/) | Pew Research Center FactTank

# Fake News, Free Press, Social Media

- What Game of Thrones teaches us about fake news (https://www.oif.ala.org/oif/?p=17914) | OIF Blog
- How Finland is fighting fake news – in the classroom (http://How Finland is fighting fake news - in the classroom) | World Economic Forum
- Facebook isn't deleting the fake Pelosi video. Should it? (https://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2019/05/30/us/ap-us-facebook-pelosi-video.html?searchResultPosition=9&login=smartlock&auth=login-smartlock) | The New York Times
- Deepfakes are getting better—but they're still easy to spot (https://arstechnica.com/information-technology/2019/05/deepfakes-are-getting-better-but-theyre-still-easy-to-spot/)| Ars Technica

# Academic Freedom & Campus Speech

- Public colleges seek ways to pull up the welcome mat for white-nationalist and other extreme speakers (https://www.chronicle.com/article/Public-Colleges-Seek-Ways-to/246390?cid=wcontentlist_hp_latest) | The Chronicle of Higher Education
- Self-censorship on campus is bad for science (https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2019/05/self-censorship-campus-bad-science/589969/) | The Atlantic

# First Amendment and Free Speech

- Why fascists storm bookstores (https://www.thenation.com/article/bookstore-violence-white-supremacy/) | The Nation
- Supreme Court rules against Alaska man in free speech case (https://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2019/05/28/us/politics/ap-us-supreme-court-arctic-man.html?searchResultPosition=14) | The New York Times
- Justice Sonia Sotomayor once again is the most speech-protective justice (https://www.freedomforuminstitute.org/2019/05/30/justice-sonia-sotomayor-once-again-is-the-most-speech-protective-justice/) | Freedom Forum Institute

# Around the Web

- Changes to HHS civil rights website appeared to foreshadow Trump administration's rollback of transgender protections (https://sunlightfoundation.com/2019/05/29/changes-to-hhs-civil-rights-website-appeared-to-foreshadow-trump-administrations-rollback-of-transgender-protections/) | Sunlight Foundation

- Happy birthday, Raina Telgemeier! (https://www.oif.ala.org/oif/?p=17808) | OIF Blog
- How a California library built an outstanding free lunch and learning initiativ (https://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/?detailStory=How-a-California-Library-Built-an-Outstanding-Free-Lunch-and-Learning-Initiative-Summer-Programming)e | School Library Journal
- This dating app exposes the monstrous bias of algorithms (https://www.wired.com/story/monster-match-dating-app/?CNDID=46196079&CNDID=46196079&bxid=MjM5NjgxNTIwMTI4S0&hasha=f26d426a02efba0f12c5b5df5a6aaa7c&hashb=fe8357deb37ff6dc8a8418e2eb93ed380c72ff23&mbid=nl_053019_gadgetlab_list2_p4&source=GADGETLAB_NEWSLETTER&utm_brand=wired&utm_mailing=Gadget%20Lab%20053019%20(1)&utm_medium=email&utm_source=nl)| Wired
- 10 reasons school librarians are more important than ever (https://www.eschoolnews.com/2019/05/30/school-librarians-important/) | eSchool News

# International Issues

- The splinternet is growing (http://fortune.com/2019/05/29/splinternet-online-censorship/?xid=gn_editorspicks) | Fortune; " This phenomenon, colloquially called "splinternet," whereby governments seek to fence off the World Wide Web into a series of national Internets, isn't new. The term, also known as cyberbalkanization, has been around since the 1990s."
- Academic freedom at risk in Italy (https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2019/05/30/scholars-fear-future-academic-freedom-italy) | Inside Higher Ed
- Scientists accuse Hungary of seeking "total political control" over research (https://www.reuters.com/article/us-hungary-scientists/scientists-accuse-hungary-of-seeking-total-political-control-over-research-idUSKCN1SZ149?il=0) | Reuters
- Poland files a challenge to new EU copyright law (https://www.techspot.com/news/80238-poland-files-challenge-new-eu-copyright-law.html) | Techspot.com
- China's internet censors are on high alert ahead of the anniversary of the Tiananmen Square protests (https://www.businessinsider.com/china-censorship-tiananmen-square-protests-2019-5) | Business Insider
- This 'fake news' law threatens free speech. But it doesn't stop there. (https://www.nytimes.com/2019/05/30/opinion/hate-speech-law-singapore.html?searchResultPosition=10) | The New York Times (Singapore)

# ALA News

- Bestselling Author Jason Reynolds is the Opening General Session Speaker at the 2019 ALA Annual Conference & Exhibition in Washington, DC (http://www.ala.org/news/member-news/2019/05/bestselling-author-jason-reynolds-opening-general-session-speaker-2019-ala)
- Controversial topics and difficult dialogues – Strategies for addressing misinformation in the Library (http://www.ala.org/acrl/onlinelearning/controversialtopics) (ACRL)
- New session: Offering Service and Support to the LGBTQIA Community and Allies Workshop (http://www.ala.org/news/member-news/2019/04/new-session-offering-service-and-support-lgbtqia-community-and-allies-workshop)
- Libraries = Strong Communities tour to end with rally celebration at ALA Annual Conference and Exhibition in Washington, D.C. (http://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2019/05/libraries-strong-communities-tour-end-rally-celebration-ala-annual-conference)
- 2020 Symposium on the Future of Libraries Opens Call for Session Proposals (http://www.ala.org/news/member-news/2019/05/2020-symposium-future-libraries-opens-call-session-proposals)

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