

MPLA INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE REPORT – JULY 2002

Privacy: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights

<http://www.ala.org/alaorg/oif/privacyinterpretation.html>

This new Interpretation of the ALA Library Bill of Rights was adopted by the American Library Association Council on June 19, 2002, at the ALA 2002 Annual Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. All members of MPLA are encouraged to read and familiarize themselves with this new interpretation.

E-Mail Updates on Intellectual Freedom Issues

MPLA-L continues to be liberally supplied with updates on current IF issues - especially those related to Children's Internet Protection Act and the Patriot Act. Jim Heckle has continued to monitor and forward items of particular interest and for this we thank him. Traffic on the CIPA, NCIPA, and Patriot Act issues has been particularly heavy during the past two months.

Regional IF Issues

Committee members have reported Intellectual Freedom challenges in Nevada (exhibit in library), Wyoming (book), and North Dakota (book). No action was requested from the MPLA Intellectual Freedom Committee.

Immroth Award Goes to Tattered Cover Bookstore Owner

One of MPLA's longtime friends, the Tattered Cover Bookstore, was recognized for their defense of Intellectual Freedom at the Annual American Library Association Conference. The bookstore employees and management resisted pressure to disclose information about their patrons.

MPLA Intellectual Freedom Award

Nominations for the 2nd Annual MPLA Intellectual Freedom Award are encouraged.