

MPLA Intellectual Freedom Committee Report 2006
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Activities include developing an electronic mailing list of MPLAIF members through the memberclicks listserv. As de facto chair of this committee I find the listserv to be of more limited use than communications to the members-at-large.

I forward information relevant to libraries and intellectual freedom issues on a regular basis.

We have done planning for the upcoming MPLA Conference in Albuquerque. I have developed two conference proposals and circulated them to IF members for comment. I submitted the proposals to the Conference committee and have not yet heard back from them.

This spring I attended the ALA-sponsored Law for Librarians workshop in Chicago, a multi-day intensive workshop on policies and intellectual freedom issues, as a representative from MPLA. The conference was attended by representatives from all 50 states and regional associations. The goal for each attendee was to organize and put on at least two workshops on policy issues and intellectual freedom. These workshops and other events are reported to ALA and other attendees through a recently formed Wiki web site.