

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE REPORT – 17
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I attended the Law for Librarians Workshop in Chicago April 4-6. The workshop was an intense two and one half days of training on all aspects of Intellectual Freedom. All areas of Intellectual Freedom were covered including: Legal and First Amendment Issues, Internet and CIPA, Meeting Rooms, Exhibit Spaces, and Literature Distribution, Challenges to Library Resources, Privacy and Confidentiality, and Youth Access. We were then trained in developing trainings for our state.

At the fall conference, Deborah Caldwell-Stone, Deputy Director of ALA's Office of Intellectual Freedom, will present a pre-conference on privacy. She will talk about some of the first amendment and state laws relating to privacy and then she will give practical information on developing a library privacy policy. Included will be: How to draft a library privacy policy within the law, Special Privacy Considerations – Academic, School Media Centers and Public Services to Minors, Questions to ask when drafting privacy and confidentiality policies and procedures, and conducting a privacy audit. On Thursday she will talk on responding to challenges. She will give information on handling law enforcement requests, subpoenas, and search warrants.

She indicated that her airfare would be \$696 and her honorarium would be \$500. She will come in Tuesday and leave Thursday, if possible or Friday. I have applied for a grant from MPLA for the Pre-Conference and am waiting to hear from them. We will need to set charges for the Pre-Conference. MPLA members can sign up for less money.

I have not received any information on challenges but law enforcement personnel looking for individuals or wanting information on Internet records have visited the Minot Public Library 5 times since April. If your library has had any challenges or incidents please let me know. I would like to keep track of these things.

I have shared workshop information with the Souris Valley Library Association and the Minot Public Library staff. I do have access to an interactive play written by Jim Heckel, the MPLA Intellectual Freedom

Chair, which has 3 scenarios that can be discussed. If interested in using it at your library please contact me.