

Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC) Report (#17)
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April-May 2009 Activity

April

Laurie McHenry and I heard back from John Berendt about attending the NDLA Annual Conference. He is willing to be the keynote speaker as well as serve on a panel discussion on censorship. !!

I sent out an informational email to NDLA members about a COPA ruling.

I was informed about a posting on the ND SCHLIB email list regarding a challenge at a school library. I contacted the librarian and told her about the NDLA IFC. She said she'll contact us if she needs assistance in the future. IFC member, Kathy Jo Cline, is a member of the SCHLIB email list. She sent out a message to everyone on the list about the NDLA IFC, the services we offer and links to the IF Handbook and blog. If there are IF related discussions on the list, Kathy Jo Cline will notify the committee and we will take part in discussions as needed.

The AASL IFC sent out the document, "What Your State Intellectual Freedom Committee Can Do" to the state IFC email list. The document offers suggestions on things state IFCs might consider implementing. The NDLA IFC reviewed the document. We are happy to report that we have implemented many of the suggestions: blog, emails to NDLA membership (not as many now that we have a blog), handbook for librarians, articles in *The Good Stuff* and local newspapers, annual promotion of Banned Books Week, compilation and reporting of statistics for ND challenges/bans, membership in state IFC and IFACTION email lists and IF workshops at NDLA Annual Conferences. We'd like to work on submitting an article for every issue of *The Good Stuff*.

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I worked on tweaking the IF blog. I've been posting IF related information on a regular basis. According to the site meter I added to the blog, there have been ~100 hits (not counting Bismarck hits, as many of these are from me).

Respectfully submitted,
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