

## Intellectual Freedom (IF) Committee Report (#17) December-March 2009-10

### December 2009

- Added multiple posts on the NDLA IF Blog.
- Eric Strohane's book review on *The New Inquisition: Understanding and Managing Intellectual Freedom Challenges* by James LaRue was published in the December 2009 issue of *The Good Stuff*.
- Emailed NDLA members about the 2010 AASL IF Award. (12/18/09)
- Kathy Jo Cline emailed ND SCHLIB list about the 2010 AASL IF Award.
- Resolution on the 2009 Reauthorization of the USA PATRIOT Act was adopted unanimously by the NDLA Executive Board on December 4, 2009. Letters and the resolution were sent to Senators Conrad and Dorgan, Representative Pomeroy and Governor Hoeven, signed by NDLA President Laurie McHenry and NDLA IF Chair Christine Kujawa.
- A short article in the Oct/Nov 2009 *Minitex/OCLC Mailing* publication discussed impressions of the 2009 NDLA Annual Conference by Minitex staff in attendance. One said, "My favorite [session], the Intellectual Freedom Panel, was a lively, well-attended discussion of censorship in libraries and academia." This is a great compliment for both the IF Committee and Academic/Special Libraries Section.
- Received a response (faxed letter) from Senator Byron Dorgan regarding the letter Laurie McHenry and I sent him about supporting H.R. 3845, the USA PATRIOT Amendments Act of 2009. He wrote, "I appreciate the valuable service libraries provide to our citizens, and I share your goal of maintaining the free expression of ideas."

### January 2010

- Rhonda Schwartz submitted a book review on *Protecting Intellectual Freedom in Your Academic Library: Scenarios from the Front Lines* by Barbara M. Jones to *The Good Stuff*.
- Received a response (email) from Representative Earl Pomeroy regarding the letter Laurie McHenry and I sent him about supporting H.R. 3845, the USA PATRIOT Amendments Act of 2009. He wrote, "I understand your strong desire to protect civil liberties and the privacy of Americans, and I will be sure to keep your support of H.R. 3845 in mind as Congress considers legislation relating to the USA PATRIOT Act in the coming months."

### February 2010

- Turned over NDLA IF blog duties to IF committee member, Aubrey Madler.

Respectfully submitted,  
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