Val Nye attending the online meeting of the State of the States Office of Intellectual Freedom meeting held online May 16, 2017.

- **State Reports**
  - The Ohio Library Council has been doing presentations on: *Diverse Customer Service without the Drama* and *Welcome to the Library Jungle: An Intellectual Freedom Adventure (UnProgram)*. They are working on a program called: *Law for Librarians* that will be offered by Deborah Caldwell-Stone at the OIF.
  - Wisconsin – Sauk Prairie – English curriculum in a small school district. The book is *Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*. There was a board meeting last week. There were over 20 speakers that spoke on both sides of the issue. Students spoke on the issue and eloquently defended the book. The librarian is concerned that the group protesting this book is going to target the health program and other pieces of the curriculum. Kristin Pekoll at OIF explained that OIF supported the librarian by reaching out to the Wisconsin Library Association and library schools to get support for the school and the librarian. This was a very public challenge and the librarian asked for the support, but most OIF support is not publicized.
  - New Jersey – There is a bill in New Jersey that would require a certain ration of school librarians to students in public schools. The bill is A4500. The schools are replacing librarians with STEM coaches and athletic coaches. School boards are not telling the community about meetings, so meetings are secretive and librarians positions are being eliminated without public notice.
  - Minnesota – There is a book challenge at a middle school in *Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*. Parents want the book removed from the curriculum. There is a review process in place that is being followed. McCalister College created a libguide in conjunction with resources related to Trump. A conservative student publication saw the libguide and published a story. The college president required that the library take down the website. No conversations ever occurred with the library staff and the president. The librarians have been using this issue to discuss intellectual freedom for librarians.
  - Utah – There has been a public library challenge to *The Silence* and *Archangel* DVDs (among other DVDs) since the first of the year. He has been emailing and sending letters about his concerns with the DVDs but will not fill out a formal reconsideration form. The board is trying to decide if they must require him to fill out a form, or if the emails can serve as a formal challenge. He is claiming that the DVDs have child pornography.
  - Montana – A challenge from a public library. The book is *Two Boys Kissing*. The book is part of a display, and the patron is complaining about the book to library staff members, but the patron has not filed a written formal complaint.
  - Oregon – At the most recent conference the Comic Book Legal Defense Fund spoke and another program where experienced public library directors spoke about writing policies and then gave participants time to write their own policies.

- **Intellectual Freedom Roundtable Report – Cindi Robinson**
  - There will be programs and a reception at the upcoming ALA Annual Meeting.
  - Friday June 23 3pm-4pm – IFRT Meeting I
  - Saturday June 24: 8:30-10 – Intellectual Freedom and Open Access: Working Toward a Common Goal?
  - Saturday June 24 7pm-9pm – IFRT Awards Reception and Member Social
  - Monday June 26 8:30am-10am 0 IFRT Meeting II
Volunteer for the Freedom to Read
- Stand for the Band Recording Booth on June 24-25 – Along with reading from books, participants will be asked questions about their favorite banned book. FTRF is looking for volunteers to help with the booth. To volunteer, visit: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfBcyl40itwQ9HnrotgYJGmRvFjmL_6cgEJeKgd_THqIvR4g/viewform?c=0&w=1&usp=send_form

Banned Book Week theme is “Words Have Power Read a Banned Book”
- There is a Youtube Video introducing the theme https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O19TVmXWcyI
- The OIF has a new publication that is called The Field Report – that lists public challenges. You can purchase them one at a time or in packs of 50. The Field Report is designed to educate the public about the challenges. http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=12064

ALA is going to be updating the website in the next couple of weeks. If a state is linking to a lot of ALA resources, they may be deleted or changed. Make sure things are current and/or up-to-date. The changes should be completed by the end of May.

Respectfully Submitted,
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