

Intellectual Freedom and Open Access: Working toward a common goal?

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Planning Committee

American Library Association (ALA), Intellectual Freedom Round Table (IFRT)

Program Format

- 90 minutes, panel discussion
 - 3 panelists
 - introductory remarks and discussion
- Poster session following

Panel Discussion Description

What is the relationship between Intellectual Freedom and Open Access? How and where do they intersect? In what ways are they unique? Intellectual Freedom is a principle and a right, one as old as libraries. Open Access is a relatively recent movement and publishing model, in response to the increasing pressure of publishing costs on individuals and institutions. How can we better understand Open Access through the lens of Intellectual Freedom? How do they support one another?

Three panelists and domain experts in these areas will explore the rich and complex intersection between Intellectual Freedom and Open Access in libraries, why OA publishing is important for the library community, and how we can use the Intellectual Freedom banner as a tool to move the library field closer to a future with more accessible information.

