Intellectual Freedom and Social Justice: Core Values of Librarianship

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ALA Code of Ethics

2. We uphold the principles of intellectual freedom and resist all efforts to censor library resources.

9. We affirm the inherent dignity and rights of every person. We work to recognize and dismantle systemic and individual biases; to confront inequity and oppression; to enhance diversity and inclusion; and to advance racial and social justice in our libraries, communities, profession, and associations through awareness, advocacy, education, collaboration, services, and allocation of resources and spaces.

"Intellectual freedom is a liberal value while social justice is a progressive value."

Liberalism

Sheets of paper in order, from bottom to top:

1. Human Rights – Against Tyranny

2. Economic Freedom

3. Individual Progress

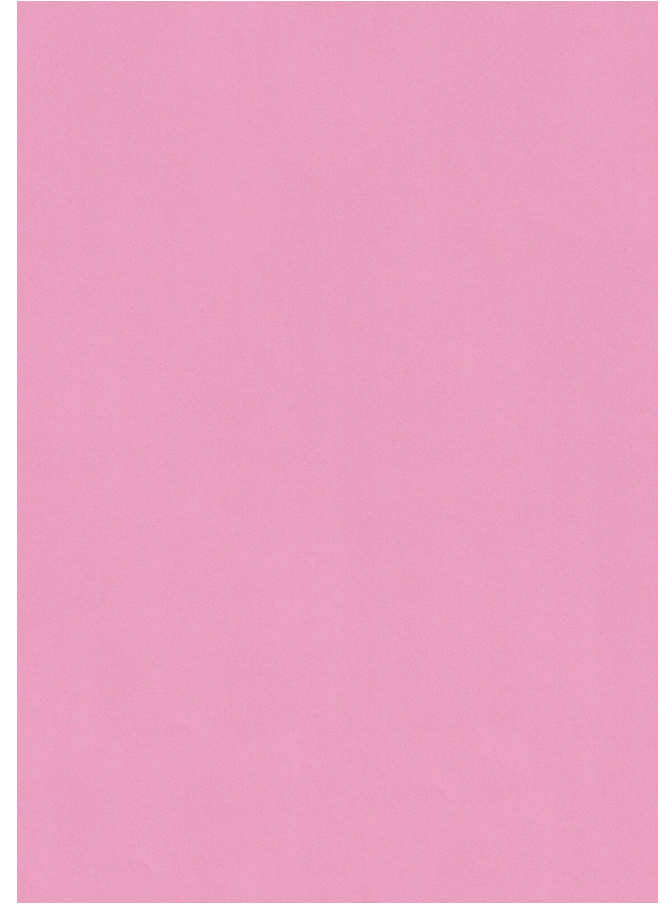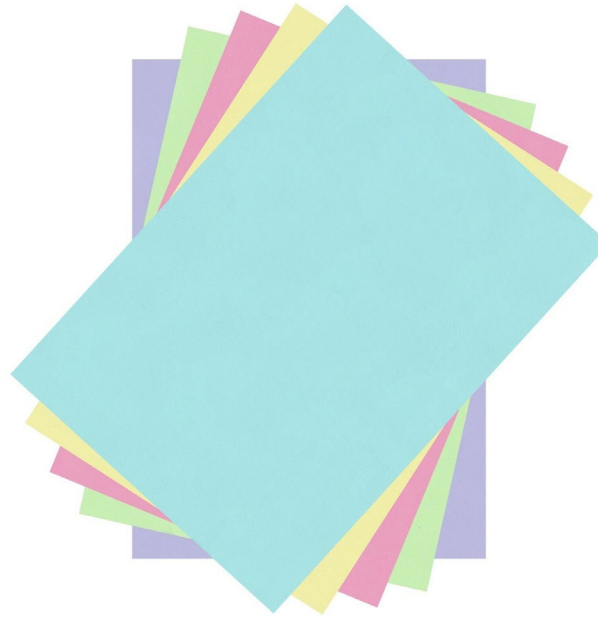4. Social space

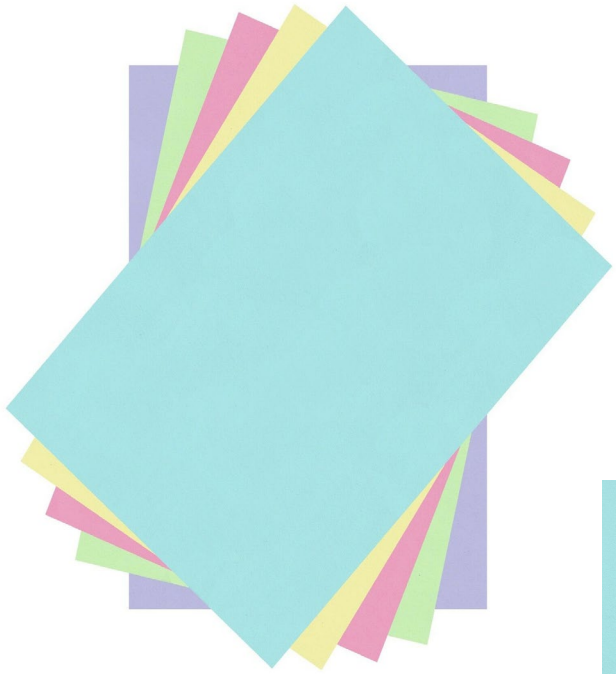5. Group identity

(Freeden, 2015, p. 13)

Liberal Standpoint

Sheets of paper in order, from bottom to top:

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2. Economic Freedom

3. **Individual Progress**

4. Social space

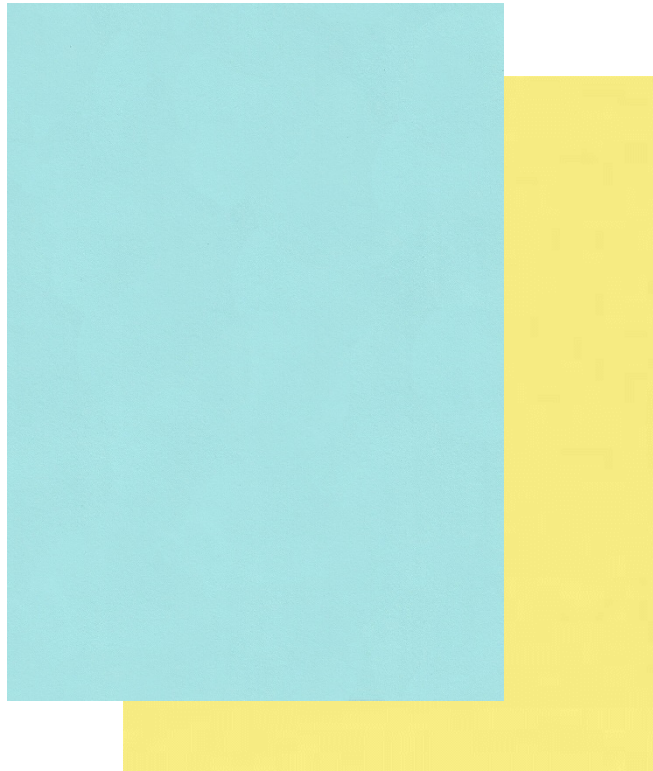5. Group identity

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Progressive Standpoint

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2. Economic Freedom

3. Individual Progress

4. **Social space**

5. **Group identity**

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Back to the Full Spectrum of Liberal Values

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2. Economic Freedom

3. Individual Progress

4. Social space

5. Group identity

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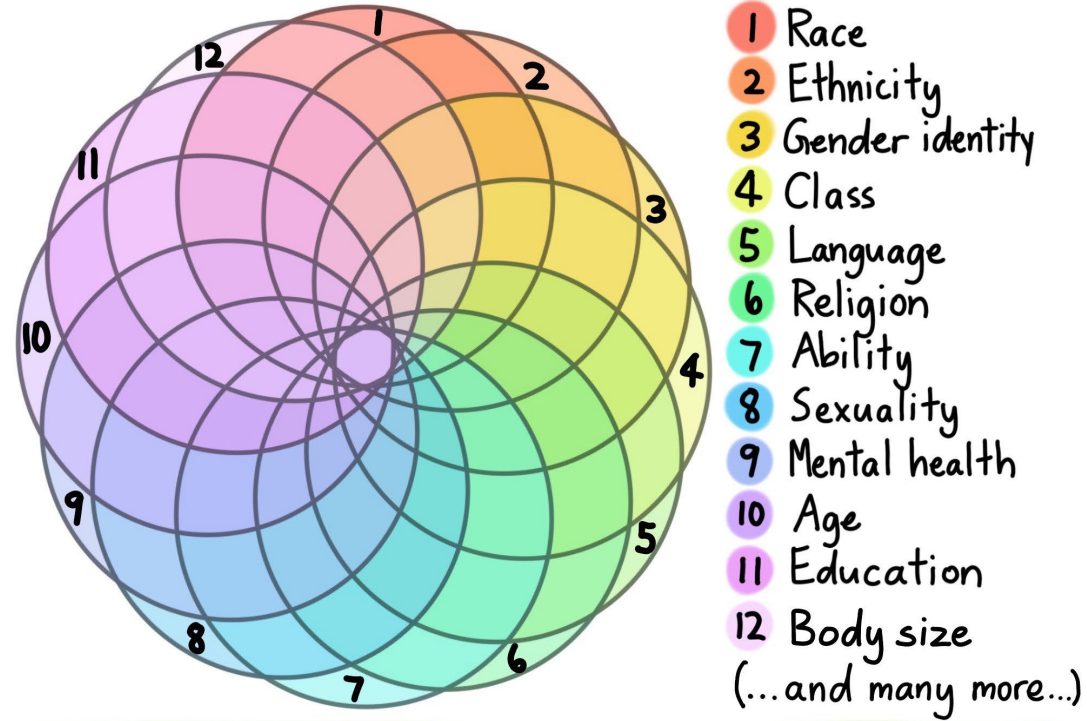https://www.thisiscolossal.com/2016/06/spiraling-rainbow-vortexes-by-jen-stark/

INTERSECTIONALITY

1 Race
2 Ethnicity
3 Gender identity
4 Class
5 Language
6 Religion
7 Ability
8 Sexuality
9 Mental health
10 Age
11 Education
12 Body size
(...and many more...)

Intersectionality is a lens through which you can see where power comes and collides, where it locks and intersects. It is the acknowledgement that everyone has their own unique experiences of discrimination and privilege.

— Kimberlé Crenshaw —

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https://dalberg.com/our-ideas/intersectionality-in-organizations-why-bringing-your-whole-self-to-work-is-not-sufficient/

George by Alex Gino

Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You by Ibram X. Kendi and Jason Reynolds

All American Boys by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely

Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie

Something Happened in Our Town: A Child's Story About Racial Injustice by Marianne Celano, Marietta Collins, and Ann Hazzard, illustrated by Jennifer Zivoin

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck

The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

TOP 10 MOST CHALLENGED BOOKS OF 2020
American Library Association
ala.org/bbooks

Challenging Diverse Books

Katy Independent School District
Request for Reconsideration of Instructional Resources

Type of Resource (book, video, DVD etc.) Book

Title of Resource The Hate U give

Author, Editor, or Compiler Angie ~~Brown~~ Thomas

Publisher Harper Collins

Request Initiated By Tony and Tani Downs

Telephone [redacted] Address [redacted]

City [redacted] State [redacted] Zip [redacted]

Complainant Represents:
☒ Himself/Herself
☐ Organization -- Name of Organization _____
☐ Other Group --- Identify other group _____

1. To what in the material or resource do you object? (Please be specific: cite pages, specific part of a DVD or CD, etc.)

please see attached excerpts from the book with highlights.

2. What do you feel might be the result of a student using this resource?

Our children are faced daily with bad language drugs + sex in schools - it is an epedemic, we do not need to push this by promoting books that continue in this theme.

3. For what age group would you recommend this resource?

>17 years of age. This book is currently being made into a movie and the film guild is projecting an R rating for the film due to language and violence.

4. Is there anything beneficial about this resource?

We see no literary value to this book.

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Questions?

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The Dynamic Flow Model of Discourse (Allen, 2015)

Volume

Velocity

Viscosity