

I want to extend sincere thanks to everyone who participated in the recent ALA election - and congratulations to those elected. Your dedication and efforts are greatly appreciated! Keep reading for more information about upcoming events and additional ways to become involved in IFRT.

Amanda Vazquez, chair of IFRT's Publications and Communications Committee.

IERT invites all current members to attend its First All.

First All Member Gathering of IFRT



Member Gathering of IFRT on Friday, April 30, 2021, from 3-4pm CST. This virtual gathering will feature an overview of IFRT's current and vital work that supports the rights of library users to read, seek information, and speak freely as guaranteed by the First Amendment. It will feature ways members can get more involved in the defense of intellectual freedom, and, it will include fun trivia where members can win giveaways. Register



of tenure. Trigger warnings, cancel culture, censorship, and the chilling effect. With all the pressures threatening open inquiry and free expression on campus, you might wonder: "Does academic freedom have a future?" Join the IFRT Reads community to explore this question with Oboler Award-winning author and academic freedom scholar, Henry Reichman, and his 2019 book,

Financial pressures and conflicts of interests. The death

Government interference in classroom curricula

The Future of Academic Freedom Discussion will start in the IFRT Reads community on ALA Connect and will culminate in a presentation and

Volunteering for a committee with IFRT will be one of the

most rewarding things you've ever done. There are

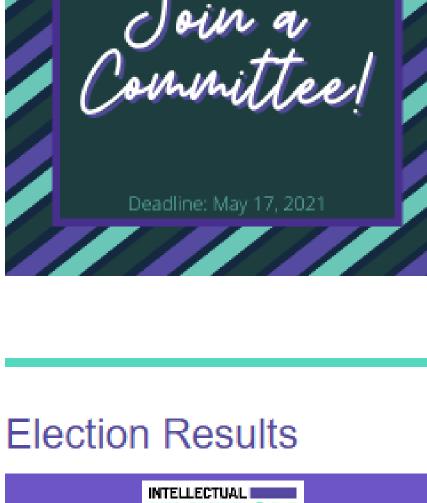
something remarkable to learn. You will also work with

several to choose from, and each will give you

Volunteer for IFRT

Learn More

IFRT Reads



some of the best people. Read through the rundown of each committee. Fill out the volunteer form before May 17, 2021 to be considered for an appointment by chairelect, Sam Helmick. Learn more Apply here

Three bylaw amendments passed. Those amendments

Johana Orellana Cabrera and Amanda Vazquez will serve as the next Directors-At-Large and

Immroth Memorial Award for 2021

Immroth Award: Martin Garnar

Samantha Chair: Helmick



ROUND TABLE

to revise the charges of the Standing Committees; Eliminating the description of charges of the nine Standing Committees, with the intent to list them in the IFRT Handbook Read the Updated Bylaws & Handbook

include: Changing the name of the Program Committee

Events Committee); Allowing the Executive Committee

to reflect its responsibilities (the Programming and

Congratulations!

Rhonda Evans will hold the position of the next Chair Elect

Crystal Schimpf will hold the position of the next Treasurer

Peter D. Coyl will serve as the next IFRT Councilor

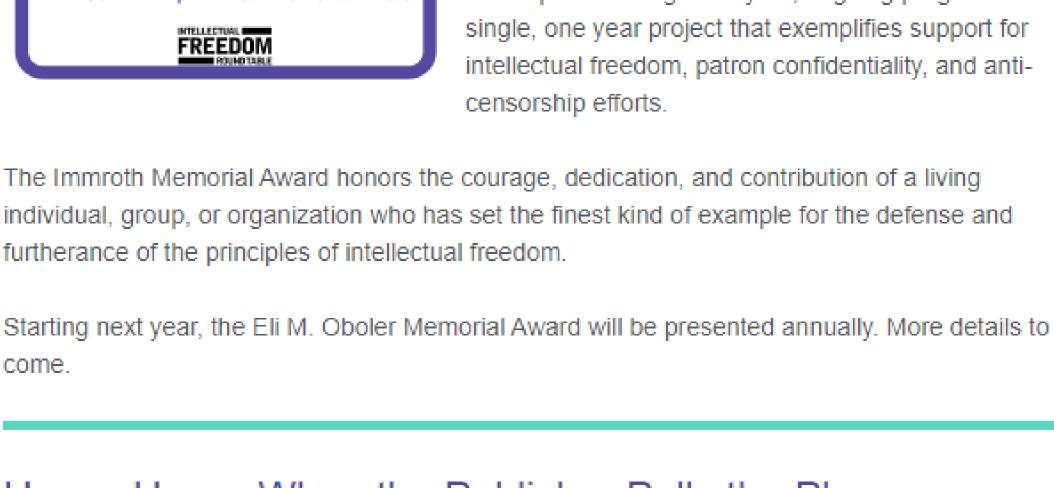
The Intellectual Freedom Round Table is pleased to

Martin Garnar

Amherst College Library

announce the winners of the Gerald Hodges Intellectual ongratulations Freedom Chapter Relations Award and John Phillip





The Hodges Award recognizes an organization that has developed a strong multi-year, ongoing program or a single, one year project that exemplifies support for intellectual freedom, patron confidentiality, and anticensorship efforts.

Hodges Award: Missouri Library Association

Happy Hour - When the Publisher Pulls the Plug

Join the Intellectual Freedom Round Table on Friday,

what libraries do when publishers pull books. Recent

May 14th at 5pm CDT for a Happy Hour Discussion on

examples are Scholastic and Dav Pilkey's The Adventures of Ook and Gluk: Kung-Fu Cavemen from the Future and Seuss Enterprises' own six books. HAPPY HOUR

Register

now open.

meeting:

Workplace*

Are you:

and Problematic Titles



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Join the library community online this summer at the 2021 Annual Conference & Exhibition. Registration is

Don't miss out on sessions sponsored by the Intellectual

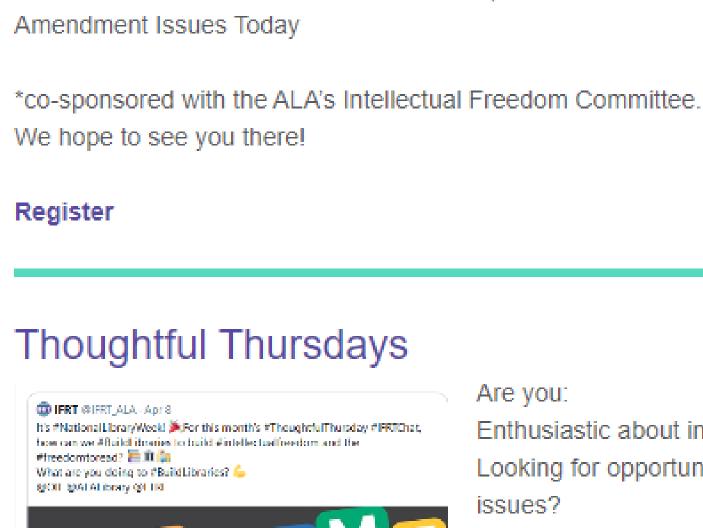
1) Diversity Audits and You: How to Address Hot Topics

4) Freedom of the Press, Assembly, and Speech: First

2) Can I Wear or Say That? Free Speech in the

Social Justice Requires Broadband Access*

Freedom Round Table and our Executive Committee



issues? Active on Twitter? A fan of emojis??? 🚱 🔁 🔥

Follow @IFRT ALA on Twitter to participate in our

monthly #IFRTChat discussions! Every third Thursday,

@IFRT ALA will tweet a series of prompts on a topic

related to intellectual freedom. Retweet, quote tweet,

academic freedom, freedom to read, social justice,

Looking for opportunities to discuss intellectual freedom

Enthusiastic about intellectual freedom?

reply, or use the #IFRTChat hashtag to join the conversation! Recent topics include library advocacy,

Member Spotlight - Molly Dettmann Molly Dettmann is a Teacher Librarian at Norman North High School in Norman, OK where she loves to promote reading, inquiry, and making in her library.

challenges to non-book formats, and civic literacy.

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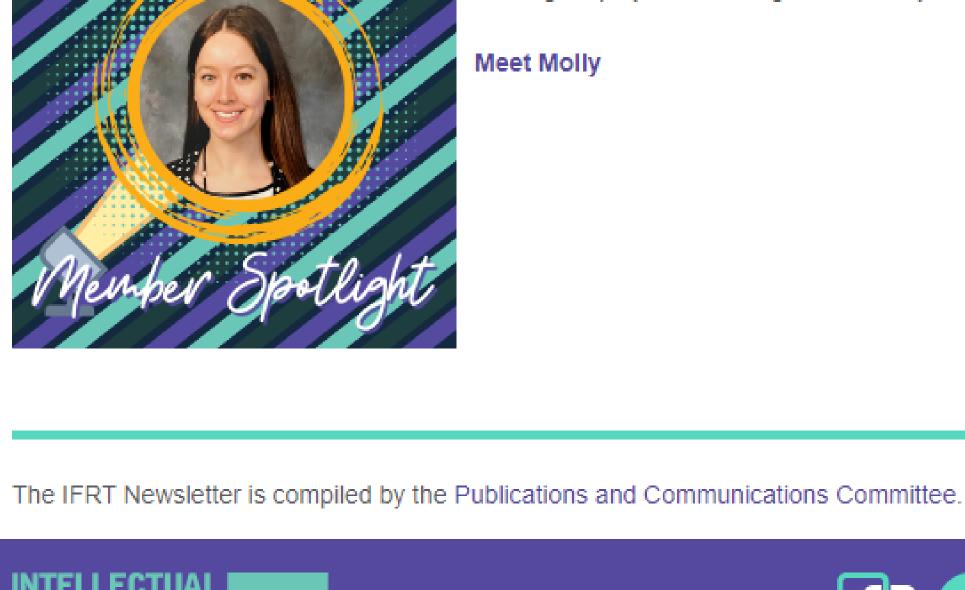
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10:19 AM - Apr. 8, 2021 - Twitter Web App.

3 Retweets 11 Likes

Meet Molly



#intellectualfreedom