Intellectual Freedom

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Agenda

- Selection
- Complaints
- Bulletin Boards
- Meeting Room Issues
- Internet Use Policy
What is Intellectual Freedom?

- Freedom of thought and expression
- Free access to all expressions of an idea
- Right to seek and receive information from all points of view
- Hold, receive and disseminate ideas

Privacy

TCA 10-8-102: no employee of a library shall disclose any library record that identifies a person as having requested or obtained specific materials, information, or services or as having otherwise used such library.

Collection Policy

- Balanced
- R-rated materials
  - TCA 39-17-911
- Limiting use by minors
- Collection Development Policy
**Challenge – Before It Happens**

Before it happens:
- Write down the steps
- Educate your board
- Build relationships

*In Other Words: Be Prepared!*

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**Challenge – When It Happens**

When it happens:
- Stay positive
- Follow the steps
- Help is available

Go to your happy place.

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Bulletin Board Options

- Government agency information
- Educational opportunities
- Non-Profit organizations
- Public events
- Items & Services for Sale
- Length of time, size, approval stamp

Meeting Room Policies

- Library is not a public forum
- Fees are allowed
- Reasonable restrictions
  - time limit
  - location
  - size of meeting
- Equally apply restrictions
- Consistent enforcement is key

Allowable Restrictions

- Educational programming
- Community groups
- Residency
- Card holders
- Noise levels
Non-Allowed Restrictions

• Anything based on content of speech
• Anything based on anticipated reaction
• Any requirements that are not imposed on everyone

Internet Use Policy

• CIPA requirements for E-rate programs
  • Filtering technology
  • Internet Safety policy
• Disabling filters
  • For adults
  • Only need to ask
• Community Standards

Tennessee Code Title 39
Chapter 17, Part 9

Prohibits sending, receiving, or displaying text or graphics that may be reasonably construed as obscene by community standards are prohibited, regardless of age.
Inappropriate

“including, but not limited to, materials that are obscene; that an average person applying contemporary community standards would find the work taken as a whole lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value.”

Questions for Wendy?

Need Help?

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