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Toolkit Template

- Applicable federal laws
 - First Amendment
 - Fourth Amendment
- Your state laws
 - o ask your state law library or law librarian for help
- Selection & Reconsideration Policy Toolkit for Public, School, & Academic Libraries
- How to Respond to Challenges and Concerns about Library Resources
- What Happened in Kansas City: Free Speech, Library Programs and the Law
- Intellectual Freedom Manual 10th ed: Censorship Beyond Books pp. 108-110
- ALA Resources:
 - Professional Ethics
 - o The Freedom to Read Statement and Freedom to View Statement
 - o <u>Library Bill of Rights</u> and <u>Interpretations</u>
- Example policies
- Staff Training resources
 - o MLA IFC Slide Decks 1, 2, 3, & 4
- Trustee Training
- Community Messaging Inspiration
- Challenge Reporting
 - o ALA Form
 - State Form
- Important Contacts
 - o State library consultant
 - State Law Librarian
 - State/Regional Library Association
 - State/Chapter Intellectual Freedom Committee Chair
 - City/County Attorney
 - Independent Legal Counsel
 - 1st Amendment lawyer in your state
 - State ACLU contact

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Sample Toolkit - Dubuque County Library District, Iowa

- Applicable federal laws
 - ALA Notable Court Cases
 - o First Amendment
 - ALA Info
 - Fourth Amendment
- State laws
 - o <u>lowa Chapter 21</u>- Official Meetings Open to the Public
 - <u>lowa Chapter 22</u>- Examination of Public Records Library Records Confidential (22.7)
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 - Ames Public Library
 - Library Programming Policy
 - lowa City Public Library
 - Library Programming Policy
 - Waterloo Public Library
 - Programming Policy
- Staff Training resources
 - ABLE 12- Ethics and Public Service- Webjunction ABLE (Alternative Basic Library Education) Series
 - Introduction to Intellectual Freedom in the Library InfoPeople
 - o MLA IFC Slide Decks <u>1</u>, <u>2</u>, <u>3</u>, & <u>4</u>
 - Practicing Intellectual Freedom In Libraries Niche Academy
 - o A Deeper Look: Censorship beyond Books American Libraries Magazine
- Trustee Training
 - o Advocacy in Action- State Library of Iowa Boardroom Series
 - Scenarios for Intellectual Freedom training: questions for trustees The library director has reported a concern with the current
 - Book Challenges and Intellectual Freedom: Proactive Planning for Public <u>Libraries</u>— Webjunction
 - Intellectual Freedom Challenges to Library- Initiated Programs: Some Recent <u>Examples from Illinois Libraries</u> – Illinois Library Association

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- Community Messaging Inspiration
- Challenge Reporting
 - o ALA Form
 - o ILA Form
- Important Contacts
 - o State library consultant: Eunice Riesberg
 - State Law Librarian: Mandy Easter
 - o <u>lowa Library Association</u>
 - o Iowa Library Association Intellectual Freedom Chair- Amanda Vazquez
 - o County Attorney: Scott Nelson
 - o Independent Legal Counsel: Michael A. Giudicessi, Fagre Drinker
 - o ACLU of Iowa: Shefali Aurora