



Montana Library Association

From the Mountains to the Prairies

MLA BOARD REPORTS

Office held/Chair of: Intellectual Freedom Committee

Reported By: Gavin J. Woltjer

Date: April 30, 2020

Progress or Successes Since Our Last Meeting:

Gavin J. Woltjer will continue as Chair of IFC.

Connie Behe was presented the Pat Williams Intellectual Freedom Award for her work defending a LGBTQ+ picture book. Behe's diplomacy, willingness to listen and work with all parties and perspectives, and leadership resulted in the ImagineIF library to retain the title, create a community conversation, and educational opportunities about LGBTQ+ topics.

New Issues:

None at this time.

Board Action Requested:

None at this time.

Other Comments:

Woltjer will continue to work with all MT libraries as they address intellectual freedom issues during the COVID-19 pandemic.

No change to the current budget allotment is requested. Funds used support Freedom to Read.

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