censorship: it’s not just for books!

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what to expect

• defining some terms
• different types of censorship
• current pressures & concerns
• defending our values
what is intellectual freedom?

if you had to explain it to a non-library person, what would you say?

the three freedoms

freedom of expression
freedom of access to information
freedom from surveillance
well then, what’s censorship?

again, if you had to explain this to a non-library friend (and I do hope you have some friends outside of work), how would you explain it?

beyond book challenges

- displays
- online resources
- social media
- programs and meetings
- what else?
what if it never gets in the library?

what barriers can you identify?  (i.e., what keeps it out?)

now, a tough one:
is there anything you don’t want to defend?

would you still defend it?

what does neutrality of libraries and library staff mean to you?

one more time, how would you explain it to that magical non-library person?
how do we stand up for ALL of our values?

some ideas:

• be clear about our policies
• focus on behavior, not content
• reach out to those being marginalized
• talk about the conflict
what did I miss?

resources

ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom
http://www.ala.org/aboutala/offices/oif

Freedom to Read Foundation
http://www.ftrf.org/

GLA Intellectual Freedom Interest Group
http://gla.georgialibraries.org/interest_if.htm

CAL IF Facilitator’s Training Manual
http://www.cal-webs.org/?page=IFCTraining
what questions do you have?

just don’t ask why I avoid capital letters.