

# Rights, Responsibilities, and Reactions: Intellectual Freedom News May 2015

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IFC member, Percy Wise, presented as a panelist at City University of New York Institute's annual conference, ["Privacy and Surveillance: Library Advocacy for the 21st Century."](#)

Both IFC member Amy Honisett and OLA IFC member Ross Betzer presented at the [OLA Conference 2015](#).

- Amy presented as a panelist for **Cybercreeps, Data Miners and Peeping Uncle Sams – Teaching Patrons about Privacy Online**. Here are links to the [slideshow](#), a [Facebook tipsheet](#), a [K-12 resource guide](#), and the [Portland Community College Privacy 101 guide](#).
- Ross presented as a panelist for **Privacy Technology: Tools for Protecting Your Patrons & Yourself on Public & Personal Computers**. Here are links to the [slideshow](#) and the [OLA Intellectual Freedom Toolkit](#).

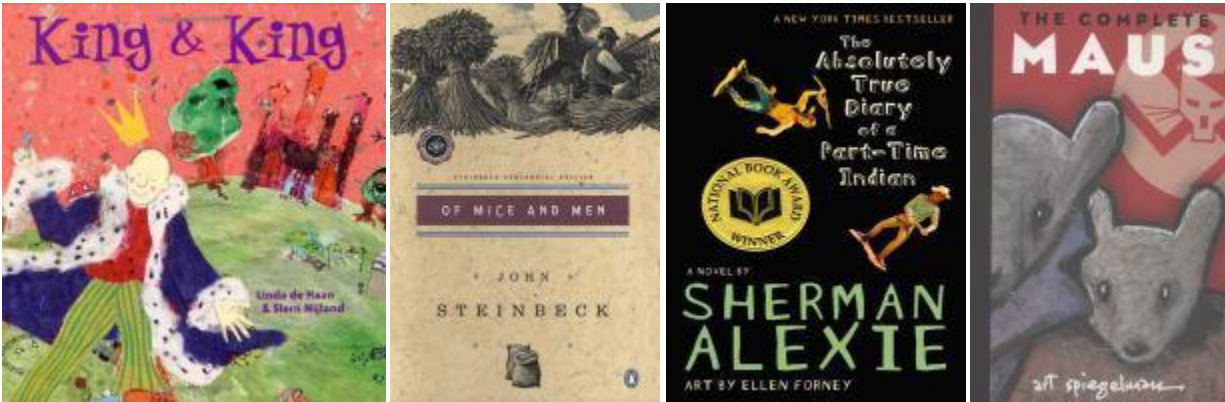


## Diversity

- Writer [Saeed Jones](#) talks about what it's like to be [an author of color in the publishing world](#): "You can make yourself crazy simply by paying attention."
- Check out these new [2015 children's books featuring Latino and Latino-American characters](#)!
- Here are PragmaticMom's [top 10 multicultural easy readers](#).
- Marjorie Ingall says [Jewish kids need more than Holocaust books](#) to learn about their identity.



## Banned Books/Censorship



- [NC elementary school parents objected to](#) a teacher's reading of "gay-themed" [King and King](#), which was used to address bullying in his classroom.
- Coeur d'Alene (ID) school may reclassify [Of Mice and Men as an optional ninth grade reading book because parent objected to its usage of profanity](#).
- The Brunswick County School District (NC) rejected [grandmother's second challenge](#) to [Sherman Alexie's The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian](#).
  - A former superintendent said the book gives teens **"coping skills and hope for dealing with these tough issues in their own lives."**
- In preparation for celebrations surrounding the defeat of Germany in WWII, the award-winning graphic novel [Maus](#) has been [removed from bookstores](#) in Russia because it features a swastika on the cover.
- A religious nonprofit sues Wake County for its [purported discriminatory library meeting room policies](#).
- The creator of the 3-D printed gun challenged a letter from the State Department that demanded [he remove blueprints from the Internet](#).
- [Free speech versus hate speech](#)-- exceptions to the first amendment?
- [Unintended consequences](#) with online algorithms, social media and hate speech.
- [Judy Blume talks about censorship](#) on her home page.

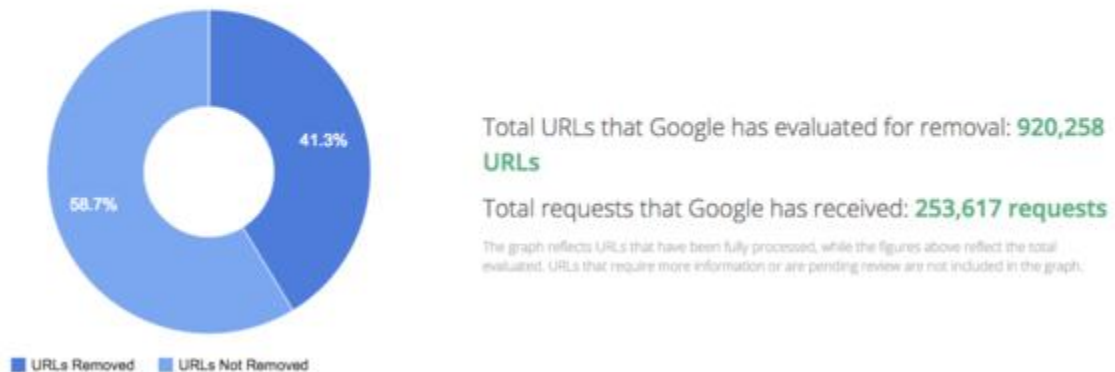


## Privacy

- [Periscope, a new video app that offers live-streaming technology](#), raises new privacy and safety issues.
- Check out this [Pew Report about Americans' attitudes on privacy](#).
- [Libraries vs. the NSA](#): a battle taking place across the country for social justice.
  - **“We serve members of communities who have been historically under greater surveillance than the rest of the population: immigrants, Muslim-Americans, people of color, political dissidents.”**  
- Amy Sonnie
- A few points on [what librarians need to know about HTTPS](#).
- A federal court of appeals ruled the [NSA collection of phone records as illegal](#).
- Googled rejects [60% of right to be forgotten requests](#).

### URL removal request totals

The graph below shows data on the percentages of URLs that we have reviewed and processed. The figures on the right are based on the total number of requests received. These data date back to the launch of our official request process on 29 May 2014.



- Read why this [parent makes her kids read privacy policies](#): **“It’s like teaching them to look both ways before crossing the street.”**
- Philosophy professor Michael Lynch talks about the [trade-offs we make in exchange for convenience](#).

Have any questions? You can reach us at [lib.ifc@multco.us](mailto:lib.ifc@multco.us).