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Rights, Responsibilities, and Reactions: Intellectual Freedom News, September 2016

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Banned Books

- The Oregon Intellectual Freedom Clearinghouse published their 2016 Annual Report for challenges to materials in the state.
- Minnesota Public Radio pitches 10 controversial teen novels to adult readers.
- Authors Kate Messner and Phil Bildner speak out about being disinvited from school speaking events.
- A scavenger hunt for banned books

Diversity

- Attempts to diversify children's literature have been, well, complicated
- A new PEN report finds that books from diverse viewpoints are significantly more likely to be challenged or banned even as they make up a disproportionately small fraction of all published literature, making narratives depicting the full range of human experience less available to students.

First Amendment

- A patron alleged that Pioneer Library System's (OK) library promo image violates his First Amendment right.
- The Connecticut librarians who stood against the FBI a decade ago are opposed to proposed new FBI powers to access patron records.
- A library worker in Kansas was arrested at a library event for allegedly interfering with the arrest of a patron.
- The county commissioners in Douglas County, Oregon have removed any reference to a ballot measure designed to create a library district from all county websites in an apparent

effort to prevent its passage. The Oregon Library Association has asked the commissioners to reconsider their action.

Privacy & Security

- Weighing Cybersecurity, Usability, and Privacy

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- Academic publisher Elsevier is granted a patent on peer review

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