

Intellectual Freedom is the right of every individual to information they seek regardless of the subject, format or philosophy expressed by the material. Intellectual Freedom is at the professional heart and ethic of librarianship and the library is the most publicly available and important point of access for free inquiry and exploration of information and ideas. Intellectual Freedom cannot exist as long as the right to information and knowledge is challenged by censorship of controversial materials and ideas. Any library may be a target of censorship.

The Michigan Library Association advocates for intellectual freedom and opposes any effort to censor library collections, impede research, or compromise the privacy of individuals who seek information from their libraries.

-MLA Intellectual Freedom Committee

Michigan Library Association  
Intellectual Freedom Committee  
April 2004