**Volunteer Job Title:** FLS Representative to NYLA Intellectual Freedom Committee

**Term of Office:** Appointed by Section President for a renewable one-year term. Start and end dates coincide with the NYLA Annual Conference.

**Election Cycle:** This position is not an elected office.

**Position Overview and Impact:**
This standing committee of the Association shall (1) Keep abreast of intellectual freedom issues and legislation inside and outside of NYS; (2) Act in concert with NYLA’s Legislative Committee to analyze and, as needed, act upon legislation that might have an impact on intellectual freedom; (3) Function as a liaison to ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom (OIF) and promote its support, resources, and services for use by NY librarians, trustees, and Friends; and (4) Administer the NYLA Intellectual Freedom Award.

**Charge to NYLA Intellectual Freedom Committee:** The Committee is to educate NYLA members and other partners of the organization, elected officials, and community leaders about issues related to intellectual freedom. [Approved by NYLA Council 11/13/19]

**Key Responsibilities:**

1. Attends and participates in all meetings of the NYLA Intellectual Freedom Committee.

2. Presents a brief written report on the committee’s current activities for each FLS Executive Board meeting to be included in the Section’s electronic meeting archives.

3. May choose to volunteer for subcommittees of the NYLA Intellectual Freedom Committee.

4. Stays well informed on intellectual freedom issues and legislation statewide and nationally.

5. Promotes the resources and services of the American Library Association’s Office of Intellectual Freedom (OIA) to Section members for their use.

6. Encourages Section members to support legislative action that may have an impact on intellectual freedom.
7. Offers periodic reports to the Section membership via the Section newsletter, Section listserv, or other communication vehicles available (e.g., NYLA’s News You Can Use, The NYLA Voice)

**Qualifications:**
Interest in intellectual freedom as a fundamental tenet of library service and commitment to its core value in librarianship as supported by the American Library Association.

**Volunteer’s Primary Contacts:** FLS President and Chair of the NYLA Intellectual Freedom Committee

**Training and Support Provided:**
The FLS President will mentor this volunteer.

**Collaborators:**
1. FLS President
2. Chair, NYLA Intellectual Freedom Committee
3. FLS Second Vice President also currently serves as FLS Web Editor and will post the Representative’s reports to the FLS Board in the Board archive

**Time Commitment:**
Varies. Participation includes monthly meetings held by conference call or GoToMeeting (approx. one hour in duration). 2-3 hours per month. Work is primarily accomplished online. Communications are via e-mail.

**Length of Commitment:**
One year appointment. Appointment is renewable.

**Benefits of Volunteering:**
Developing contacts statewide to support Friends of Libraries at the state level.

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