

Meeting Minutes
Intellectual Freedom Subcommittee
Friday, September 16, 2022

Attendees: Judith Pissano, Carol Phillips, Katherine McGivern, Kiersten Paine, Richard Kearney, Leah Kloc, Jessica Trujillo, Chip McAuley.

1. Welcome
2. Approval of July 2022 minutes
 - a. Kate approved.
 - b. Kiersten seconded.
3. Old business Regional Response Team
 - a. Judith still working to form a partnership with NJASL and EveryLibrary to create a website for the team. She presented a proposal to the Executive Board. The board is requesting additional information from EL before they can vote. EL is to send an NDA and MOA template. Once this information is received the EB will vote.
4. Public Policy update
 - a. First Amendment Audits – be aware, this is happening in libraries across the county. Fort Lee Public Library was recently the target of a First Amendment Audit. Staff were filmed and an OPRA request was made.
 - b. ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom has addressed this and the NJ MEL/JIF is offering training.
 - c. Public Policy committee is looking to do a training as well, sooner rather than later.
5. New Business
 - a. Projects proposed for the year were Tips & tools for front line workers and to create a Request for Reconsideration of Library Material – template. Both projects are universal and can be utilized by most libraries.
 - b. Richard suggested we work with the cohorts – commission, friends' groups and board to educate how to respond to challenges; a potential conference workshop.