

**Freedom to Read Foundation**  
**REPORT TO COUNCIL**  
**2020 Virtual Annual Meeting**

As President of the Freedom to Read Foundation, it is my privilege to report on the Foundation's activities since the 2020 Midwinter Meeting:

**FREE EXPRESSION IN A TIME OF CRISIS**

In preparing this report on the Foundation's activities this spring, it feels like I became president of the Freedom to Read Foundation a lifetime ago. Our country has been through so much since January. First, we grappled as individuals and institutions with the ongoing pandemic, and then came the nationwide protests following the death of George Floyd and the outcry against police injustice and racial inequality.

Throughout it all, the Freedom to Read Foundation has supported our human right to speak out. Without our support for protests in the midst of st



lawsuit, as FTRF itself relies on its associational or organizational standing to file lawsuits challenging First Amendment violations on behalf of its members. For this reason, FTRF signed an amicus brief that argued that PEN America had plausibly alleged an injury-in-fact sufficient to demonstrate organizational sta.478208(a)3.15789(r)2.36842(g)-636(a)3.15789(.478208(a)3.15789(r)2.36842(-2.53658(o)-0.956

## **Banned Books Week Grants**

A major initiative of the Krug Fund is its support for local Banned Books Week celebrations in schools and libraries across the country. Each spring, the Krug Fund awards five to seven Banned Book Week grants that provide financial support and guidance to libraries, schools, and community organizations planning Banned Books Week celebrations. These grants assist libraries and schools that would otherwise not have the resources to do Banned Book Week events. The 2020 grantees will be announced in late June 2020. To learn about the 2020 grantees, please visit the FTRF website at [www.ftrf.org/?Krug\\_BBW](http://www.ftrf.org/?Krug_BBW).

## **LIS and Professional Education**

The Krug Fund continues to successfully partner wit

- "Intellectual Freedom and the Law: Social Media, First Amendment Audits, and the Library as a Public Forum," with Theresa Chmara, General Counsel for the Freedom to Read Foundation
- "The Challenge of Challenges: Strategies for Protec

