

Freedom to Read Foundation
REPORT TO COUNCIL
2014 Annual Conference — Las Vegas, Nevada

As President of the Freedom to Read Foundation, it is my privilege to report on the Foundation's activities since the 2014 Midwinter Meeting:

LITIGATION

Susan B. Anthony List v. Driehaus: The Freedom to Read Foundation's ability to defend the freedom to read in our libraries and schools and protect the freedom of speech and freedom of the press depends on our ability to challenge unconstitutional laws and regulations before any chilling effect on speech takes bes On January 10, 2014, the Supreme Court agreed to take up a lawsuit that, if decided against the petitioner, would all but eliminate FTRF'

- x Nashua (N.H.) High School North
- x Charleston (S.C.) Friends of the Library
- x DePaul University Library and DePaul University Center for Writing-based Learning
- x Columbus (Ohio) State Community College
- x The Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association
- x LGBT Center of Raleigh Library
- x Greater Pittsburgh Chapter of the ACLU of Pennsylvania

The grantees' proposals for 2014, the fifth year of Krug Fund grants, feature programs addressing recent local challenges to books (Chicago and Charleston, S.C.); books that have disappeared completely (Alexandria, Va.); the connection between literacy and intellectual freedom (Nashua, N.H.); and content creation and interactivity (Columbus, Ohio).

As with past years, recipients will provide FTRF with photos, videos, and written reports of their events. For more information, please visit www.ftrf.org/?Krug_BBW.

Intellectual Freedom Education: The Krug Fund also provides funding for various initiatives to provide intellectual freedom curricula and training for LIS students.

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report on filtering and the Children’s Internet Protection Act issued by the Office for Information Technology Policy and the Office for Intellectual Freedom entitled “Fencing Out Knowledge: Impacts of the Children’s Internet Protection Act Ten Years Later.” That report is available at http://connect.ala.org/files/cipa_report.pdf.

2014 ROLL OF HONOR AWARD RECIPIENT HERBERT KRUG

It is my pleasure and privilege to introduce this year’s recipient of the 2014 Freedom to Read Foundation Roll of Honor Award, Herbert Krug. Krug is a charter member of the Foundation who has provided immeasurable service to FTRF since 1969, and who is among the most generous donors in this organization’s history. He has served two terms as FTRF’s treasurer and is currently chair of the Membership and Fundraising Committee, where his expertise in direct marketing contributes to FTRF’s successful fundraising and membership development efforts.

Krug’s remarkable commitment to the Foundation’s mission and his diligence and generosity in supporting that mission have contributed substantially to FTRF’s success. We are delighted to now turn the spotlight on him and to honor him with the Roll of Honor Award.

2014 CONABLE CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP

I am also pleased to announce that FTRF has named John “Mack” Freeman as the seventh recipient of the Gordon M. Conable Conference Scholarship. Freeman works at the Tifton-Tift County Public Library in Tifton, Georgia. He is very involved with the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Round Table of the ALA as a member of both their Web and News Committees and is incoming chair of the News Committee. Freeman also serves as a representative on the ALA Games and Gaming Round Table’s Will Eisner Graphic Novel Growth Grant.

After earning his undergraduate degree, he spent a year as an AmeriCorps volunteer serving the students of an elementary school in the Watts neighborhood of Los Angeles. He then received his MLIS from Valdosta State University in December 2013.

Conable Scholarship Committee members were especially impressed by Freeman’s concluding statement in his application essay: “IF issues are local, so the advocates for IF must also be. I want to acquire the skills that allow me to promote IF on a regional and national stage. Through this scholarship the Freedom to Read Foundation will provide me with the oppsn hisecho2()JTJ 0-2(h (e)4(0 T

FTRF MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Freedom to Read Foundation allows the Foundation to continue to building our organizational capacity in order to support our litigation, education, and awareness campaigns.