

Meeting of the Working Group on the Status of Libraries in Vermont

Topic: Intellectual Freedom

April 21, 2023

9:00am-4:00pm

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Agenda

- I. **Call to Order** (9:00am-9:10am)
- II. **Approval of Minutes** (9:10am-9:20am)
Possible action to approve minutes of the Working Group meeting of March 24, 2023.
Supporting Document: March 24, 2023 Draft Minutes:
<https://libraries.vermont.gov/sites/libraries/files/InitiativesProjects/LibraryWorkingGroup/DRAFT%202023%2003%2024%20Minutes%20Working%20Group.pdf>
- III. **Public Comment** (9:20am-9:30am)
- IV. **Presentation by John Chrastka** (9:30am-10:00am)
Executive Director and Founder, EveryLibrary
- V. **Statewide Collections Overview** (10:00am-10:45am)
Lauren Kelley, Cataloging Consultant, Department of Libraries
Supporting document will be posted in advance of the meeting
- VI. **Presentation by Dana Kaplan** (10:45-11:00)
Executive Director, Outright Vermont

VII. Presentation by Trina Magi (11:00am-11:30am)
Co-editor of **The Intellectual Freedom Manual**

VIII. Presentation by Joyce McIntosh (11:30am-12:00pm)
Assistant Director, Freedom to Read Foundation

IX. Break (12:00pm-1:00pm)

X. Community Comments on Intellectual Freedom (1:00pm-3:15pm)

- Mary Danko, Director, Fletcher Free Library, Burlington (1:00pm-1:15pm)
- Mia Schultz, NAACP Rutland County (1:15pm-1:30pm)
- Charles Dabritz, VSLA president, Media Specialist Lyman C. Hunt Middle School, Burlington (1:30pm-1:45pm)
- Caitlin Classen, Library Media Specialist, Albert D. Lawton Middle School, South Burlington and Beth Shelley, Library Media Specialist, Westford School, Westford (1:45pm-2:00pm)
- Randal Smathers, VLA Intellectual Freedom Chair, Director Rutland Public Library (2:00pm-2:15pm)
- Amy Olsen, Director, Lanpher Memorial Library (2:15pm-2:30pm)
- Luis Vivanco, Professor of Anthropology UVM, Chair – Humanities Center (2:30pm-2:45pm)
- T. Elijah Hawkes, Upper Valley Educators Institute (2:45pm-3:00pm)
- Christopher Kaufman Ilstrup, Executive Director, Vermont Humanities (3:00pm-3:15pm)

XI. Working Group Discussion (3:15pm-4:00pm)

XII. Adjournment (4:00pm)