Other Resources

Progressive Librarian

Progressive Librarians Guild (2004)

~ A trade journal for liberal librarians, which deals with issues of censorship, rights, and reactions to the Patriot Act.

Rationales for Challenged Books (cd-rom)

National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) and the International Reading Association (IRA) (1998)

~ This compact disc is an invaluable resource for book-selection procedures and policies, lesson planning and preparation, and defending a book selected for a literature class against challenges. Intended primarily for middle school and high school teachers, but appropriate for librarians as well, over 200 rationales cover more than 170 book and film titles, organized by title and author. A typical rationale provides references to reviews, plot summaries, and redeeming qualities.

"Censorship always defeats its own purpose, for it creates in the end the kind of society that is incapable of exercising real discretion."

~ Henry Steele Commager