



DCLRC Docket

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Banned Books Week, Sept 26-30: CELEBRATING THE FREEDOM TO READ

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the freedom to read is essential to our democracy, and reading is among our greatest freedoms; and

WHEREAS, the freedom to read is protected by our Constitution; and

WHEREAS, intellectual freedom is essential to the preservation of a free society and a creative culture; and

WHEREAS, conformity limits the range and variety of inquiry and expression on which our democracy and our culture depend; and



WHEREAS, the American Library Association's Banned Books Week: Celebrating the Freedom to Read is observed

during the last week of September each year as a reminder to Americans not to take their precious freedom for granted; and

WHEREAS, Banned Books Week celebrates the freedom to choose or the freedom to express one's opinion even if that opinion might be considered unorthodox or unpopular and stresses the importance of ensuring the availability of those unorthodox or unpopular viewpoints to all who wish to read them; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Dane County Legal Resource Center celebrates the American Library Association's Banned Books Week, September 26-30, 2005, and be it further

RESOLVED, that *the Dane County Legal Resource Center encourages people to celebrate their freedom to read.*

Proclamation courtesy the American Library Association: www.ala.org

September Used Book Sale

School is in session! **All Nonfiction books** are 50 cents off in our ongoing used book sale held in the library. New titles arrive each week. Be sure to stop in regularly to view our selection! Cleaning out your home library? Donate your books to DCLRC! We'll accept all books for our monthly book sale: Hardcover, novels, nonfiction, and paperbacks. Drop off your donations in room 315 any time we're open.



We also serve as a drop off location for softcover books and magazines that are donated to Dane County jail inmates.

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News & Upcoming Events

Get a free copy of the Bill of Rights!

Come to Room 315 (DCLRC) of the Courthouse during the week of **Sept 26-30** to get a free booklet of the Bill of Rights, the first 10 amendments to the constitution. While supplies last, one copy per person for the week. Read it, debate it, live it!



“Law and...” Series: September Topic

The topic for Sept is “*Law and...Censorship*” and features information about intellectual freedom, banned books, and censorship challenges. View some “dangerous” banned books as well! The handout features print resources and websites on the topic. The “Law and...” series are library displays that highlight the role of law/lawyers in various subjects. Pictures of the displays and handouts listing relevant web links or a bibliography are [online](#).

Additions to the COC Website

The Dane Co Clerk of [Courts office](#) has two new features on its website. A pictorial [archive](#) of past judges lists all the judges who have served Dane County since 1848. In addition, just added is a page with pictures of the [courthouses](#) built in Dane County since 1851.



Have you *Blawg'd* us lately?

Don't forget to check the DCLRC [Blawg](#) for all the local legal news, interviews, and research tips that are posted in between monthly newsletters! Visit us regularly or sign up for our notifier services when you're on the blawg site. In addition, there is a new blawg called “[Burning Ears](#)” that features local news stories about law libraries and librarians across the US.

September Legal Research Quiz

Answers will be published in next month's newsletter.

1. What current Dane County Judge ruled on a case involving the constitutionality of Madison's ordinances regarding public murals?
2. In what case did Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy say, “The right to think is the beginning of freedom, and speech must be protected from the government because speech is the beginning of thought” ?
3. According to the American Library Association, what was the most-challenged book in U.S. libraries in 2004?
4. What Supreme Court Justice said, “Censorship reflects a society's lack of confidence in itself. It is a hallmark of an authoritarian regime....”?



Answers to August's Quiz:

1. The National Drought Policy was created with Pub. L. 105-199; 112 Stat. 641 and amended with Pub. L. 106-78; Title VII sec. 753; 113 Stat. 1170
2. The Great Lakes
3. Eight Districts
4. 97 WI Act 283

End Notes

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