**Librarians Banned Books Week Meeting Minutes (ZOOM)**

**Date:** 8/25/23

**Time:** 1:00pm – 2:00pm

**Attendees:** Arenthia Herren, Jane Charles, Timothy Bishop, William Shuluk, Bruce Warren, Laura Price, Alisha Lavender, Victoria SanFilippo, Anthony Valenti, Krista Biasella, Peggy Phetterplace

**Arenthia:**

-“Freedom to Read (Let Freedom Read)

-Advertising should be celebrating our freedom to read instead of using the words ‘banned books’

-possibly include banned books in the title

**Victoria:**

-keeping the title low key as to not offend anyone

-overall consensus, use ALA language in relation to banned books signage

**Jane:**

-wants to maintain ALA title of ‘banned books week’ with the addition of ‘freedom to read’

-copy the free digital promotional materials from ALA for banned books advertising

**Arentha:**

-Oct 4th, Behind the Research Series

-from 1:30-3 Expert Panel Discussion in J103

-zoom component so that others may join

-need librarians to keep things on track

-The Crucible screening fits with Halloween and banned books theme

-possibly host a Harry Potter trivia night (costumes, contests, snacks, trivia)

-have one event per campus

-likes efforts of legislation and knowing reasons behind why books are banned

**Krista:**

-can use library display cases to advertise banned books

-Kahoot can be used for trivia games

**Jane:** Matthew can assist with being a speaker on the panel

**Tim:** take a look at the success rate of online events vs in-person

**Arenthia:**

-previously had well-attended watch party with chat sessions

-shared available items on ALA website (button, stickers, bookmarks, bracelets and magnets

**Tim:**

-very popular items with the students

**Arenthia:**

-asked attendees to think about programming for banned books week on each campus

**Peggy:** Circulation can make the banned books display

All agreed, Meeting ended.