

Intellectual Freedom Committee: Annual Report: 2012-13

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In September, following up on a successful session at the 2012 BC Library Conference, the IFC presented a salon entitled "Not Seeing Yourself: Exclusion of LGBTQ Protagonists in Young Adult Publishing, Part II," featuring Rob Bittner, one of Canada's leading experts in LGBTQ issues in publishing. Both the session and the salon were presented in collaboration with YAACS and the LGBTQ Interest Group. In March, the IFC wrote a letter of support to Simon Fraser University, for upholding intellectual freedom principles in

renting out a meeting room. The University faced criticism for allowing a controversial anti-vaccine organization to rent a room for a conference. The IFC also assisted the Information Policy Committee in letters and statements regarding the Canadian Border Service Agency's release of list of prohibited titles, Edwin Mellen Press' lawsuit against librarian Dale Askey and McMaster University, and Library and Archives Canada's "Code of Conduct."