



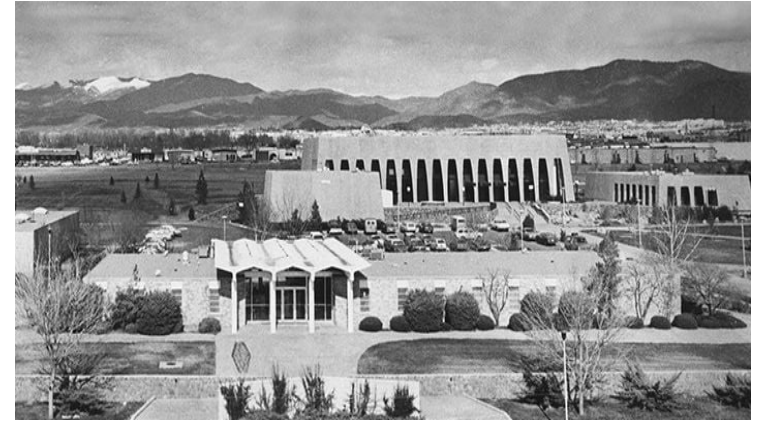
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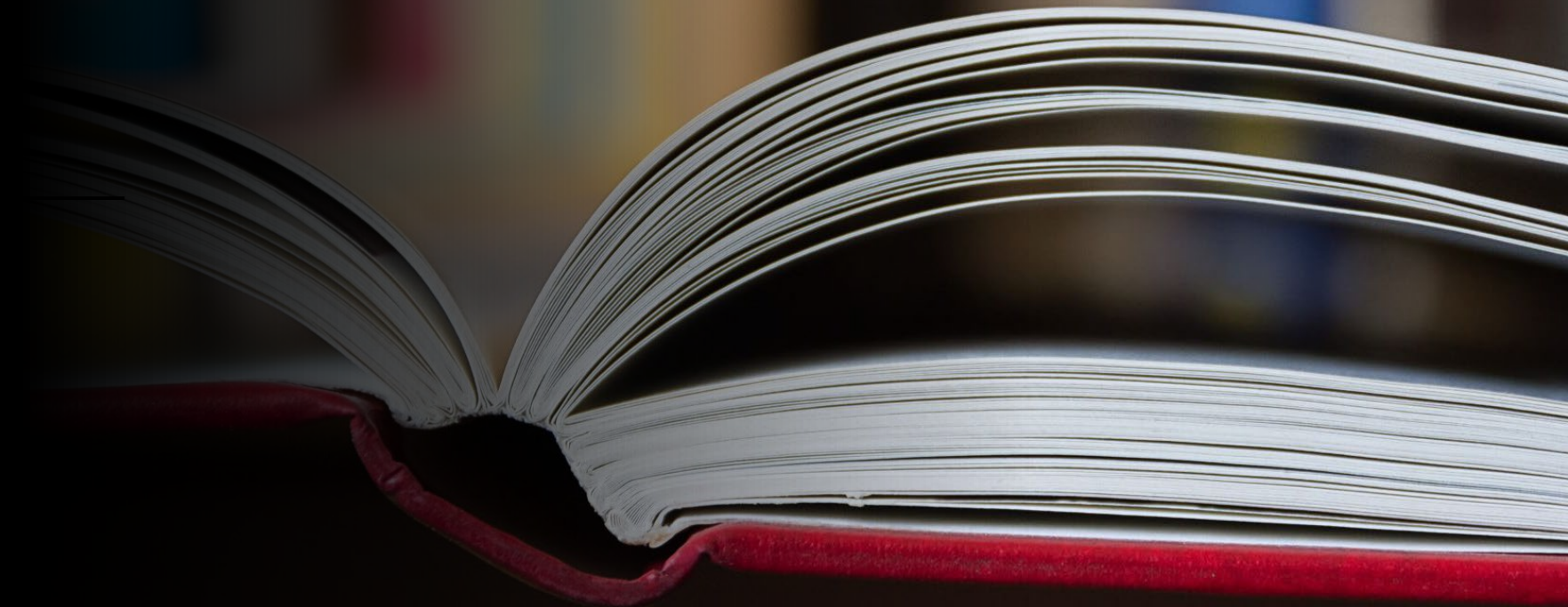








Intellectual freedom and the role of libraries



How libraries protect intellectual freedom



Adhering to professional guidelines & standards



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Insuring that materials are not censored



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Protecting privacy &
confidentiality



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Promoting diversity and
inclusivity



Challenges

Increased book challenges and bans

Political and social issues

Balancing freedom of information
with concerns about misinformation

Potential budget cuts



Technology

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- Software improvements leading to greater efficiency
 - Improvements to online catalogs in searching for titles
 - Digital divide
 - Artificial intelligence

Digital Collections

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- Introduction of downloadable ebooks and audiobooks
 - Growth in digital collections
 - Subscription databases

Physical Spaces

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- A new White Rock Branch Library
 - Upgraded meeting room equipment
 - Outdoor classroom
 - Shade structure for the patio at WRBL

Outreach & Community Engagement

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- Adopted a turning outward philosophy
 - Working with more local organizations to offer programs, events, and services
 - Focus on diversity & inclusivity

Thank you so much for
your time.

Any questions?