

Please find attached notes from the Q&A following the ARLIS/NA 2018 session *Libraries Resist!*

Notes from Q&A:

- Discussion of neutrality in libraries. Can libraries be neutral when some viewpoints are in direct opposition to the mission and values of libraries?
- Issues of academic freedom and push back from institutions. There seems to be a growing tolerance for authoritarianism. Some special collections may be subject to federal control.
- Many institutions are experiencing low levels of activism. Strength comes from connecting with students and raising awareness of the issues. Faculty and student councils are a good resource and can approach university president and provost.
- Work with the system in place: tie events to collections, faculty publications, curriculum or other events on campus. Library as a meeting point for student protests.

Thanks!

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