

WHAT MEMBERS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT MEDIA COALITION

“The Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF) could not ask for better partners than those who comprise the Media Coalition.

There’s strength in numbers. As part of Media Coalition, FTRF is able to magnify its voice on matters of importance to its members. There are so many issues that directly and indirectly affect libraries and librarians; the combined efforts of the groups comprising Media Coalition allow FTRF to participate in far more litigative and legislative efforts than it could alone. Thanks to the excellent staff of Media Coalition, Foundation staff are able to keep abreast of a wealth of First Amendment-related legislation, studies, rulemaking, hearings, etc.—and to share that information with FTRF members.

In short, Media Coalition membership is an investment—and we continue to reap the rewards.”

-Barbara Jones
Executive Director, Freedom to Read Foundation

“The free marketplace of ideas is absolutely essential to AAP’s membership, which includes most of the major commercial book publishers in the United States, as well as smaller non-profit publishers, university presses and scholarly societies. As a member of Media Coalition, we are able to join with, and draw strength from, others in the business community in a shared fight against those who seek to restrict freedom of the marketplace because they don’t like what’s being said.”

-Judy Platt
Director, Freedom to Read, Association of American Publishers

“Media Coalition allows EMA to leverage our government relations efforts. We rely on the Media Coalition’s litigation and legislative advocacy to expand our representation of our members’ interests before Congress, state legislatures, and the courts. Moreover, membership in the Media Coalition is cost-effective. The benefits we receive from the Media Coalition’s advocacy far exceed the dues we pay.”

-Bo Andersen
President, Entertainment Merchants Association

“The strategy of the censors is to divide and conquer the business community. Media Coalition unites producers, distributors and retailers in defense of their First Amendment rights and those of their customers. It is a voice that is often heard even by legislators who are impatient with the general defense of free speech offered by ACLU and others.”

-Chris Finan
President, American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression

“Performing the work of a small non-profit is never easy, but it’s even more challenging in the current economic climate. This is one of the reasons that Media Coalition membership is such an attractive proposition. Their first-rate office and legal team provide outstanding legislative tracking and a long record of successful litigation. The community of representatives from the organizations that make up Media Coalition’s membership include some of the most seasoned and perceptive experts in the content world. The combination of services and relationships that Media Coalition offers for the price of membership is unbeatable. In total, joining Media Coalition makes any organization part of a winning team.”

-Charles Brownstein
Executive Director, Comic Book Legal Defense Fund