Since November 2016, the Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF) has been tracking hate crimes in libraries using reports from the media and reports submitted through its challenge reporting form. OIF works closely with the ALA Office for Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach Services to provide support to libraries that report hate crime and hate speech incidents.

BY MONTH

OIF has documented 35 hate crime incidents in libraries since November 2016.

BY LIBRARY TYPE

The majority of reported hate crimes occurred in public libraries.

BY CATEGORY

31 of the incidents involved vandalizing library property, including books, DVDs, tables, and bathroom stalls. The remaining four concerned harassment or assault.