



Illinois Library Association

### **ILA Committee and Forum Reports**

This form is to be completed by committee chairs/forum managers in collaboration with board liaisons. The ILA Executive Board will meet on the following dates in 2019-20: 11/21/19, 1/30/20, 4/30/20, and 6/11/20. Reports should be submitted **two weeks before each board meeting** to the board and staff liaison (liaisons are listed on rosters at <http://www.ila.org/about/committees> or <http://www.ila.org/forums>) and the ILA office (email: [dfoote@ila.org](mailto:dfoote@ila.org)).

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Committee or Forum: *Fundraising Committee*

Report completed by: *Ashley Stewart*

Date: *Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

Activities underway or completed since the last report:

*Received to Luminary Nominations!*

- *Mary Huchting*
- *Janice M. Del Negro*

*Nominations are included at the end of this report.*

Projected activities/initiatives during the upcoming months:

*Projected activities and initiatives include:*

- *Continue researching large-scale fundraising efforts and potentially putting one into action.*
- *Contacting all committee Chairs to learn how monies raised could benefit the committees.*

Intended outcome/goals of project(s):

- *Contacting the committee Chairs will provide insight on how monies raised could benefit the committees while encouraging and promoting the Core Strategic Values. Examples include: Scholarships to increase diversity in the profession, travel grants to attend conferences and continuing education opportunities, and expanding networking opportunities to members of underrepresented groups.*

Anticipated timeline(s) and completion date(s) for each project:

- *Committee Chairs will be contacted – January & February*
- *Brainstorm Fundraising Initiatives, Campaigns, and Projects – January thru March*
- *Research marketing and promotional strategies for fundraising efforts – January thru March*

Activities should be designed to advance the ILA Strategic Plan. Which strategic goal areas are best addressed by the activities above? Check all that apply and describe briefly how the activities will advance the goal(s). View the full plan at <http://www.ila.org/about/strategic-plan>.

Goal area: Advocacy—Legislative Advocacy

- Goal area: Advocacy—Community Advocacy
- X Goal area: A Culture of Diversity and Inclusion—In the Profession
- X Goal area: A Culture of Diversity and Inclusion—In the Association
- X Goal area: Delivery of Member Value
- Goal area: Leadership

*A Culture of Diversity and Inclusion – In the Profession: Creating scholarships and mini grants and creating opportunities for members of underrepresented groups.*

*A Culture of Diversity and Inclusion – In the Association: Creating a Luminary Program that promotes diversity and inclusion for the recipients.*

*Delivery of Member Value: Creating relationships with new and existing donors by developing new approaches to fundraising efforts.*

Questions or concerns that need to be addressed by the ILA Executive Board (**please discuss with your board or staff liaison first. Board liaisons can help with strategic, programmatic, policy-related and content-related questions; staff liaisons can help with procedural or business-related questions**):

*No questions at this time!*

**THANK YOU for your service to ILA and Illinois librarianship!**

## *Luminary Nominations*

### *Mary Huchting*

*I'm writing to nominate Mary Huchting as an Illinois Library Luminary. Mary's dedication to libraries and to excellence in publishing for librarians resulted in a broad range of substantive contributions to her chosen profession.*

*In a long and distinguished career (1981-2005) as a production editor and then managing editor for American Library Association (ALA) Publishing, Huchting ably shepherded to print flagship titles of critical importance to all librarians, including Anglo American Cataloguing Rules 2 and Guide to Reference Books. As managing*

editor at ALA, Huchting was responsible for assuring that 30 to 35 books per year were published under the ALA imprint.

Known for her insistence on quality, accuracy, and clarity, Huchting gained high praise from her peers and from ALA authors with whom she worked. Michael Gorman, co-editor of *Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules* and 2005-2006 ALA President, said "Mary's careful work was invaluable in preparing both editions of AACR2. She was eagle-eyed, diligent, and invariably right in her judgments." Patrick Hogan, Huchting's supervisor at ALA Publishing, said that nearly all prominent ALA publications passed through Huchting's hands--and, "she was a stickler for quality." After Mary retired from ALA, I asked Mary to work at the Illinois Library Association as copy editor and proofreader for the *ILA Reporter* and other ILA print publications. For more than a decade, she applied her respected editorial skills with her solid grasp of our profession's values and subject matter to improve all ILA's publications.

Huchting had gained valuable frontline library experience as head reference librarian at the Mundelein College library in Chicago from 1978 to 1981. There, she developed the reference collection, provided bibliographic instruction to students, and aided faculty research. Before becoming a librarian, Huchting worked in the publishing industry for a number of years. In Boston, she was an editorial assistant at the Houghton-Mifflin Company, and in Chicago, she was supervisor of the editorial department at Commerce Clearinghouse. Also in Chicago, Huchting did editorial work for a number of publishers, among them the American Bar Association, the Illinois Bar Association, Rand McNally, and Northwestern University Press. Huchting received a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Iowa and an M.A. in Library Science from Dominican University.

Mary was born in 1939 and died on May 25, 2019. Attached is a jpg of Mary.

If the ILA Executive Board approves this nomination, I will coordinate the donations and champion the efforts to raise the \$2,000 within a one-year time period. If then inducted by ILA Executive Board, I will supply a photograph and two hundred maximum word biography for use on ILA Web site and other ILA communications. If you need additional information, please let me know.

Happy holidays!  
Sincerely,

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**Janice M. Del Negro**

**Nominee Biography:**

Janice M. Del Negro, PhD, is a professor at the School of Information Studies at Dominican University, where she teaches storytelling, children's and young adult literature, and foundations of library and information science. She is a storyteller, author, educator, and coach. Her extensive list of presentations and publications includes a textbook on storytelling coauthored with Ellin Greene; two children's picture books (*the ALA Notable Book Willa and the Wind and Lucy Dove*); and a collection of supernatural tales for young adults, *Passion and Poison*. Her book, *Folktales Aloud: Practical Advice for Playful Storytelling*, was awarded a Storytelling World Resource Award in 2015. Her 2017 book (with Melanie Kimball, PhD), *Engaging Teens with Story: How to Inspire and Educate Youth with Storytelling*, was named SLC/ARBA's Best Professional Resource for School or Youth Librarians (2018).

Del Negro serves on the boards of Illinois Storytelling, Inc. and Northlands Storytelling Network. She has been a featured speaker, storyteller, and workshop leader at the National Storytelling Conference and Festival, the Society for Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, Illinois Storytelling Festival, Mariposa Storytelling Festival, Tejas Storytelling Festival, and many other celebratory events. In 2016, Del Negro received the National Storytelling Network's ORACLE Circle of Excellence Award.



MARY HUCHTING  
1939-2019

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