



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 2020-21: 9/24/20, 12/3/20, 3/25/21, and 5/20/21. 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: ila@ila.org).

Committee or Forum: **Public Policy Committee**

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Activities underway or completed since the last report:

- Identifying potential collaborators within and external to ILA for action, support, and perspective.
- Creation, submission, and recommendation of 2020-2021 Legislative Priorities

Projected activities/initiatives during the upcoming months:

1. Writing an article describing and advocating for Open Educational Resources
2. Getting a school librarian on the Media Literacy Task Force
3. Investigate ways to create engagement with PPC among Illinois librarians

Intended outcome/goals of project(s):

1. Provide information about OER to help people understand why and how PPC will be advocating for a couple OER related legislative priorities
2. Create school librarian representation on Digital Literacy matters in Illinois to advocate and inform the task force on matters that will be crucial to supporting librarians with their charge
3. Continue to work toward making the committee and its work transparent and accessible to the membership at large.

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

1. Should be
2. By our next meeting, we should have made contact with a librarian that is interested in taking on this work, and may have more information on next steps for us
3. We will revisit this idea throughout the year and new initiatives will come out of it that will have more concrete timelines

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 ✓

Goal area: A Culture of Diversity and Inclusion—In the Profession

Goal area: A Culture of Diversity and Inclusion—In the Association ✓

Goal area: Delivery of Member Value ✓

Goal area: Leadership

The activities currently being undertaken by PPC are designed to increase our reach and build connections within and without ILA. We hope to collaborate with other organizations where we may have common interests to help advocate for legislative items where we are aligned. We seek representation for Illinois school librarians in task forces that directly impact their work. We seek to educate about OER in an effort to let our membership know its value and impact in our libraries and to the work we do, especially in academic and school libraries. Continuing to ensure our transparency and accessibility to the membership allows them to see and access our value, and fosters an environment of further collaboration and participation.

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**):

Here are the legislative proposals that Public Policy Committee is passing on to the Executive Committee for their consideration:

New Initiatives:

Library Mergers

- Removes certain restrictions in place to make it easier for libraries to merge and reduce the number of unserved communities.

Cards for Unserved Residents Under the Age of 18

- Creates a means by which libraries could opt-in to providing library cards to unserved residents under 18.

Creating OER Materials that Support the Curricula Changes Proposed in HB 4954

- Seeks to ensure that if these curricula changes are passed, that the resulting materials be open educational resources to provide equitable access to them.

Reaffirmations:

HJR 9 Media Literacy Task Force

- Seeks to ensure that a school librarian is officially required to be a part of the task force

CARLI SCOER Grant Proposal

- Seeks to create ongoing funding for grants that support the creation of open educational resources for higher education.

Statewide Access to Core Databases

- Seeks to create ongoing funding for a suite of databases that are available to all Illinois libraries

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