

**Illinois Library Association Advocacy Committee**  
**Monday, January 8, 2024 - 1:00pm**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86318476716>

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda: January 8, 2024
3. Approval of Minutes: [December 4, 2023](#)
4. Updates
  - a. ILA Public Policy Committee (Kyla Waltermire, PPC Chair)
  - b. ILA Executive Board (Ryan Johnson, ILA President)
  - c. Illinois State Library (Greg McCormick, ISL Director)
  - d. Legislative Update (Derek Blaida)
  - e. [Meet Up Attendance](#) 2023 (Cyndi Robinson, ILA Executive Director)
5. Recap of Recent Programs / Upcoming Programs (Nanette, Joanna, Tim)
  - a. ILA Reaching Forward Committee Proposal (Joanna)
  - b. Back in Circulation Conference (Tim)
6. Subcommittee Updates
  - a. Ready, Set, Advocate Training Modules : Tim, Nanette, Monica, Sam, Joanna
  - b. Legislative Meet-ups : Betsy, Laura, Chris
  - c. Webpage Update / Other Advocacy Tools : Chris, Monica, Sam, Gail
  - d. Conference Programs and Ongoing Advocacy Training : Nanette, Tim
  - e. ILA Reporter Article: Laura, Joanna
7. Old Business
  - a. More Than a Building
8. New Business
  - a. Advocacy Toolkit for Equitable Access to Electronic Literary Materials Act (Ryan Livergood)
9. Adjournment

**Committee Charge**

- Supports the targeted advocacy efforts set forth by the American Library Association and the Illinois Library Association
- Strives to unite ILA members behind advocacy efforts set forth by the ILA Executive Board;
- Works in tandem with the Public Policy Committee (PPC) to implement an annual legislative agenda;
- Provides ILA members with the tools to make local, statewide, and national advocacy an integral part of their professional life;
- Develops a long-range advocacy plan in conjunction with PPC and the Executive Board; and

- Within this broad framework collaborates with the ILA President and ILA Executive Director to set an annual calendar of advocacy activities and to create communications, materials, and training in support of these activities.

**Voting Members:**

Gail Graziani\* - Indian Prairie Public Library  
Amanda McKay\* - Effingham Public Library  
Betsy Adamowski – Wheaton Public Library  
Sam Adams-Lanham - Barrington Area Library  
Joanna Bertucci – Park Ridge Public Library  
Sara Murray - Algonquin Area Public Library District  
Dennis Danowski - Macomb Public Library  
Monica Dombrowski – Winnetka-Northfield Public Library District  
Nanette Donohue - Champaign Public Library  
Chris Houchens - Charleston Carnegie Public Library  
Laura Kirk – Churchill Elementary School  
Tim Prendergast – Hodgkins Public Library District

**Ex officio Members:**

Amy Byers – ILA VP/President-Elect, Chatham Area Public Library District  
Ryan Johnson - ILA President, O’Fallon Public Library  
Heather Jagman - ILA Past President, DePaul University Library  
Kyla Waltermire - ILA PPC Chair, Mississippi Valley Library District  
Greg McCormick - Illinois State Library  
Cyndi Robinson – ILA Executive Director  
Alex Todd – Board Liaison, Prospect Heights Public Library District

**Guests:**

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**Upcoming meeting dates and assigned minutes takers:**

August 28, 2023 - Chris Houchens  
October 2, 2023 – Sam Adams-Lanham  
November 6, 2023 – Tim Prendergast  
December 4, 2023 - Monica Dombrowski  
January 8, 2024 – Sara Murray  
February 5, 2024 - Laura Kirk  
March 4, 2024 – Betsy Adamowski  
April 1, 2024 - Dennis Danowski  
May 6, 2024 – Joanna Bertucci  
June 3, 2024 – Gail Graziani

All meetings are at 1:00 PM. In-person meeting locations will rotate; all meetings will also be accessible through Zoom. If you cannot take minutes on your assigned date, please trade with another Advocacy Committee voting member.