



Illinois Library Association

**ILA Forum and Committee Reports**

This form is to be completed by committee chairs/ forum managers in collaboration with board liaisons. The ILA Executive Board will have meetings on the following dates in 2018-19: September 20, 2018; November 29, 2018; January 31, 2019; April 11, 2019; and June 13, 2019. Reports should be submitted two weeks before each board meeting to the board liaison and the ILA office, 33 W. Grand Ave., Ste. 401, Chicago, IL 60654-6799; fax: 312-644-1899; email: [dfoote@ila.org](mailto:dfoote@ila.org).

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### **Activities underway or completed since the last report:**

Preparations for the legislative days are well in hand. For the first time, we are having non-directors serve as event coordinators this year. Magan Szwarek, Reference Services Coordinator at Schaumburg and Kathy Caudill, an Elia Area Library Trustee volunteered to run the Buffalo Grove meetup.

Diane Foote and Derek Blaida are putting the final touches on a webinar to help meetup attendees prepare for and make the most of their event.

The Committee, led by Keith Fiels and Nanette Donahue have created advocacy training 'modules' that can be adapted to fit different timeframes and audiences. Ms. Donahue and Mr. Fiels submitted proposals based upon these modules to Reaching Forward North and Reaching Forward South. Both were accepted.

Cindy Fuerst and Alex Todd will be speaking at the IAPD/IPRA conference on January 25. IAPD/IPRA is the Park District version of ILA. Apparently they need two distinct organizations to do what Diane and her Fab Four accomplish. The presentation supports ILA's strategic plan and hopefully will encourage better library/park district cooperation.

### **Projected activities during the upcoming months:**

The committee is working on creating an annual calendar that contains recurring deadlines, events and agenda items. The calendar will help future committees plan their years more effectively.

The modules created by Ms Donahue and Mr. Fiels will form the basis for advocacy training at this year's Director's University.

The Committee has begun brainstorming program ideas for ILA in October. They include: the annual legislative forum; something to promote and educate folks about legislative meetups; an advocacy boot camp/paired program; and being the keynote speaker for the ACRL luncheon.

The committee is also starting to look at its composition and discussing whether we need to require membership from different library types and different regions throughout the state.

### **Questions or concerns that need to be addressed by the ILA Board:**

Why is it presumed that whomever put the bomp in the bomp bah bomp bah bomp; the ram in the rama lama ding dong; the bop in the bop shoo bop shoo bop, and the dip in the dip da dip da dip was **a)** the same person and **b)** a man?