



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: Awards

Report completed by: Rick Meyer

Date: 11/1/2019

Activities underway or completed since the last report:

Hosted the Awards Luncheon at the ILA Annual Conference.

Projected activities/initiatives during the upcoming months:

Committee will meet by telephone in November to discuss what worked and what did not work at Awards Luncheon and to develop strategies for increasing the number of nominations for the 2020 Awards.

Intended outcome/goals of project(s):

Increase the total number of nominations received for all library types.  
Decide what changes, if any, need to be made to the Luncheon.

Develop guidelines/best practices for selection of award recipients.

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

Close of nominations, 2020.

Best practices early 2020.

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

I see possible benefits to all of the above. Awarding legislators can clearly help with Legislative Advocacy. Positive media stories about the award winners can advance Community Advocacy. The fact that we have had very diverse award winners can advance a Culture of Diversity and Inclusion in both the Profession and the Association. Honoring and recognizing outstanding work is certainly a Member Value and one which would seem to foster Leadership development.

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):

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