



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 2022-23: 9/22/22, 11/17/22, 1/12/23 (mid-year "mini meeting;" no report necessary unless you are requesting board action), 3/9/23, 5/25/23. Reports should be submitted two weeks before each board meeting to the board liaison, the ILA staff liaison, and emailed to ila@ila.org.

Forum or Committee: Advocacy Committee

Report completed by: Gail Graziani

Date: 2/23/23

Activities underway or completed since the last report:

Plans were finalized for the newly re-envisioned 2023 Legislative Meet-Ups, including determining the presenters for the first program, "Get Ready to Advocate," held on Tuesday, February 22nd. The presenters along with Cyndi Robinson worked on a script, updated the existing slides, and attended a run through prior to the presentation.

Additional Advocacy Committee members have volunteered to present at the following upcoming conferences: Illinois Youth Services Forum, Reaching Forward, and Reaching Forward South.

The Advocacy Committee has been contacted by Kian Flynn, a member of ALA's Government Documents Round Table (GODORT), regarding potential collaboration on a program at this year's ALA Annual Conference in Chicago on the topic of advocacy. Nanette Donohue and Gail Graziani have scheduled a meeting with Kian for later this month to discuss the Committee's possible participation.

Projected activities during the upcoming months:

- Continued preparations for upcoming conference presentations
- Debriefing/analyzing the new format of the 2023 Legislative Meet-Ups
- Exploring ILA Reporter Articles and/or Noon Network presentations on advocacy topics
- Further discussion with ALA regarding a joint advocacy-focused program at the ALA Annual Conference

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