



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 2023-24: 9/14/2023, 11/16/2023, 1/11/2024 (mid-year “mini meeting;” no report necessary unless you are requesting board action), 3/7/2024, 5/16/2024. 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

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Activities underway or completed since the last report:

During ILA orientation, the committee discussed how to proceed with the Legislative Meet-ups – should they be in person or virtual? Should we move the dates earlier in the year?

A decision was made to poll ILA members for their input. ILA sent the survey out to the membership a few weeks ago, and to date we have over 60 responses to assist us in determining how best to proceed.

Projected activities during the upcoming months:

- The committee will determine if any updates or changes are needed to the Ready, Set, Advocate modules.
- Once a decision has been made on how to proceed with the Legislative Meet-ups, planning for the events will begin.
- Updates to ILA’s Advocacy Committee webpage.
- Conference Programs scheduled include:
 - ILA Annual in October (Legislator Panel & Ready, Set, Advocate: Frontline Edition)
 - AISLE in October (Ready, Set, Advocate)
 - PLA Annual in April: Program submission has not yet been accepted

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