



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 2020-21: 9/24/20, 12/3/20, 3/25/21, and 5/20/21. 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: [ila@ila.org](mailto:ila@ila.org)).

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Committee or Forum: Best Practices Committee

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Date: 9/15/2020

Activities underway or completed since the last report:

The Best Practices Committee met to construct the scaffolding for our 2020-2021 topic Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility (IDEA) for Illinois Libraries. We have decided to spend the entire year focusing on this topic, as it is one that we all feel passionately about and would like to offer a vast array of opportunities for Illinois library staff. We have begun to consider how we can present information to the library community as well, and have identified ILA Noon Network events and possible ILA Reporter articles as topics. The committee also decided to share a project philosophy statement to acknowledge, honor and thank those Black and Indigenous People of Color who work daily on IDEA topics in libraries and across the world.

Projected activities/initiatives during the upcoming months:

For our October meeting:

- Subcommittee currently working on writing Philosophy statement draft
- All collecting information (links, books, articles, etc) that can be used in IDEA training
- All continuing to contribute topics for exploration and inclusion on our list

Ongoing:

- Connect with ILA Reporter Committee and with Conference 2021 Committee about sharing IDEA for Illinois Libraries information in the future.

Intended outcome/goals of project(s):

- The philosophy statement will acknowledge, honor and thank those Black and Indigenous People of Color who work daily on IDEA topics in libraries and across the world.
- The project intends to provide an approach to the crucial topic of IDEA work in the library by using multiple entry points, a variety of project options and resources.

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

- Host an ILA Noon Network event in January 2021

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

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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