



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).

Committee or Forum: ILA 2021 Conference Planning Committee

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Activities underway or completed since the last report:

Planning has begun for 2021 conference. Our theme will surround Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. Our committee is discussing specific taglines, and brainstorming speakers. Members have completed a survey indicating their subcommittee preferences, and we will finalize subcommittee assignments ahead of our next meeting, which is on 9/17/2020.

Projected activities/initiatives during the upcoming months:

Continued planning for the 2021 conference.

Intended outcome/goals of project(s):

Running a successful conference which furthers the goals of greater equity, diversity, and inclusion, both in ILA and in Illinois Libraries.

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

Completion Date will be October 12th, 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 and in the Association

By focusing our conference on Diversity and Inclusion, we hope to highlight its importance in our profession and in our association. We hope the conference will provide opportunities for educating members about diversity and inclusion.

Goal area: Delivery of Member Value

The conference provides a tangible benefit for members. They are invited to network, present, and learn as a benefit of their membership in ILA. We have reassessed our subcommittees for the conference and will continue to evaluate the programs we will offer to ensure that members from all kinds of librarianship find value in the conference.

Goal area: Leadership

The conference gives members an opportunity to connect with other partners from across the state. It encourages conversations and partnerships that can equip our members to break down barriers, expand access, and support each other as Illinois librarians.

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**):

THANK YOU for your service to ILA and Illinois librarianship!