



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 2021-22: 9/23/21, 11/18/21, 1/13/22 (mid-year “mini meeting;” no report necessary unless you are requesting board action), 3/17/22, 5/19/22. Reports should be submitted two weeks before each board meeting to the board liaison and the ILA office, 33 W. Grand Ave., Ste. 401, Chicago, IL 60654-6799; fax: 312-644-1899; email: [ila@ila.org](mailto:ila@ila.org).

Forum or Committee: Diversity Committee

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Activities underway or completed since the last report:

- Twanna Hodge was confirmed as the DiversiTEA speaker for this year. The committee confirmed Cultural Humility as the conference topic this year, in addition to a identity wheel activity, and an overview of Hodge’s background during the conference.
- Diversity Committee began working on the first draft of the application process for ILA scholarships and grants to attend JCLC, NCAAL, REFORMER, ALA Annual Conference, PLA, ACRL, and AASL. The scholarships will fund two ILA members to attend these conferences.
- The diversity committee began working on creating a Facebook group. A name was chosen for the Facebook Group: DiversiTEA, named for the existing ILA session that takes place during the conference. Topics for the Facebook page were selected. Screening questions, a posting schedule and a content calendar were created for the page.
- New Co-chairs were selected. New committee members joined.
- Subcommittees were re-organized. The Communications and Membership subcommittees were combined and the Conference and Continuing Education subcommittee remained the same.
- The 2020 Spectrum Scholars /Sylvia Murphy Williams Scholars award was agreed on at \$500 to be used for attendance to the conference, travel expenses. There are 11 scholars this year.
- The mentoring program will continue this year and last 6 months, starting in October.

Projected activities during the upcoming months:

- The committee will have another meeting with Twanna Hodge to finalize the logistics of the session.
- Update on the meeting with Representative Ford about the Diversity in Literature Bill.
- A call for mentors will be sent out for the 11 Spectrum Scholars.

- Communications & Membership subcommittee will begin work on planning for the ILA reporter article and focus on recruiting new members.

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