



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, 1/13/2022 (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.

Forum or Committee: Diversity Committee

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Activities underway or completed since the last report:

- ~The Diversity Committee's mentoring program began in October 2021 and will end in April 2022.
- ~The mentorship program will be extended to one year beginning in October 2022. At a later date, the committee will decide if participation should be extended to student and new professional ILA members, given the success of the 2021-22 mentorship program.
- ~The conference and continuing education subcommittee began work on selecting a topic for the annual conference. The session title will be "Why Mentoring Matters."
- ~The launch of the Diversity Committee's Facebook group, DiversiTEA, will be early March 2022. The group will feature relevant DEI topics such as intersectionality, non-traditional library careers, culture of inclusion, and diversity in the workplace among others.
- ~New committee members joined.
- ~Work on an article for the ILA Reporter is underway.

Projected activities during the upcoming months:

The Committee will:

- ~Select a speaker for the DiversiTEA session at the 2022 ILA Annual Conference.
- ~Draft and submit an article for the ILA Reporter March -April.
- ~Launch the DiversiTEA Facebook Group in March.
- ~Begin work planning the "Why Mentoring Matters" session for the 2022 ILA Annual Conference.
- ~Select a logo for the Diversity Committee.

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