



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 2022-23: 9/22/22, 11/17/22, 1/12/23 (mid-year “mini meeting;” no report necessary unless you are requesting board action), 3/9/23, 5/25/23. 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: **Diversity Committee**

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Date: **9-8-22**

Activities underway or completed since the last report:

- ~The Diversity Committee's mentoring program will begin in October 2022.
- ~Work towards planning the mentorship program has begun as well as creation of a webinar to announce the mentorship program.
- ~ILA reporter article has been approved by Diversity Committee will be submitted to ILA Reporter for December 2022 publication
- ~A DiversiTEA speaker for the ILA Conference session was selected and a topic was chosen. Elaina Norlin, Professional Development/DEI Coordinator will discuss racial equity
- ~2022 Spectrum Scholars/Sylvia Murphy Williams Scholars will receive a financial award from the committee and will have the opportunity to receive mentorship.
- ~The Diversity Committee's DiversiTEA Facebook group has launched and currently there's 32 members
- ~Planning for the DiversiTEA Facebook group's United Shades of America discussion group has begun.

Projected activities during the upcoming months:

Committee will:

- ~Continue work in planning the mentorship program for 2022-2023; plan and hold webinar.
- ~Continue promoting the DiversiTEA Facebook group
- ~Plan United Shades discussion group for the DiversiTEA Facebook group
- ~Decide on and distribute awards for 2022 Spectrum Scholars/Sylvia Murphy Williams Scholars.
- ~Submit the ILA reporter article for publication in December 2022 issue.

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