



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 2023-24: 9/14/2023, 11/16/2023, 1/11/2024 (mid-year “mini meeting;” no report necessary unless you are requesting board action), 3/7/2024, 5/16/2024. 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: ILA Diversity Committee

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Date: August 22, 2023

Activities underway or completed since the last report:

- The Diversity Committee is discussing having a redo July session for United Shades Discussion Series since the video could not be played. The next discussion will be September 29th at 1pm
- Our Mentorship Meet-Up was on August 24th via Zoom
- Three of our members will be in attendance for the ILA Annual Conference and will be attending our sponsored sessions, Drag Queen Story times and Diversity Through Music

Projected activities during the upcoming months:

- The Diversity Committee decided to have the ILA President introduce this year’s DiversiTEA speaker Stephen Jackson
- We discussed that for the next ILA Reporter article it will feature Mr. Jackson in the spring edition, and we plan to have a Zoom meeting with Stephen to ask about his life. One of our members plans to take notes for the article during his speaking engagement at DiversiTEA. We also thought that the article could be about DiversiTea for those who could not attend.

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