



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: Intellectual Freedom Committee

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Activities underway or completed since the last report:

The committee met on August 30th. The committee currently working on the 2021 ILA annual conference session. We brainstormed possible 2022 session proposals, one focused on adult services and another on youth services issues. Committee members proposed a potential Intellectual Freedom Award Recipient.

Projected activities during the upcoming months:

The committee will work on two articles for the ILA Reporter spring deadline. One article will focus on challenging library programming especially in politically polarized populations. Another article would examine the rise in controversial groups and the importance of clear policies that are communicated to the whole staff.

The committee would also like to propose another Noon Network event.

The committee would also solicit suggestions for the 2022 Intellectual Freedom Award from members in November.

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