



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.

Forum or Committee:

Report completed by: Betsy Mahoney and Suzanne Arist

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Activities underway or completed since the last report:

Members of the committee collaborated on a blog post about the importance of strong collection development policies. Suzanne planned and hosted with Cassandra a noon network webinar with Kristin Pekoll from the Office of Intellectual Freedom on January 31. The committee is working on three proposals for the 2022 ILA conference. The committee is pairing a sessions on de-escalation techniques when handling book challenges; one will be a panel discussion and the other do small group role playing to enforce the techniques of de-escalation. The third session addresses the new media literary requirements at schools. Betsy is planning another noon network on March 9 about labeling LGBTQIA materials in the library.

The committee met February 7 and plans to meet again on March 3.

Projected activities during the upcoming months:

Ed is planning an article on programming challenges for an upcoming edition of the ILA Reporter. The committee will also work on recommendations for the Intellectual Freedom Award.

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