



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: Intellectual Freedom Committee

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Activities underway or completed since the last report:

The committee hosted two Noon Networks with Kristin Pekoll from the ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom and Jayne Walters on the problems of using LGBTQIA labels on library materials. Both were well attended, and the attendees had great questions for the speakers. The committee submitted three proposals for ILA annual conference.

The committee has also met monthly to discuss intellectual freedom issues in Illinois libraries and provide updates on all the various projects the committee has taken on.

Projected activities during the upcoming months:

Committee members are working on an article relating to program challenges for the Illinois Reporter. We are still working of nominations for the ILA Intellectual Freedom Award.

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