



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: Intellectual Freedom Committee

Report completed by: Matt Matkowski

Date: 10-26-22

Activities underway or completed since the last report:

- Committee meeting on 9-28-22
- Compiled a list of IF resources and turned it into a handout for distribution at the ILA annual conference.
 - Link to the handout: <https://tinyurl.com/345nbvkx>
- Sat at a committee table at the ILA conference and engaged with some attendees about IF issues.
- Current and past committee members presented an IF-related panel that included both lecture and discussion components at the ILA annual conference, "De-escalation: A Crucial Tool in Libraries for Promoting Intellectual Freedom"
- Committee chair appeared on a mid-state NPR segment about current IF issues in Illinois libraries
 - Link to the episode: <https://will.illinois.edu/21stshow/story/librarian-check-in>

Projected activities during the upcoming months:

- Continue finding ways to provide tips and strategies to Illinois libraries facing IF-related challenges and issues.
- Continue brainstorming ideas for Noon Networks, conference panels, and Reporter articles.

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

None at this time.