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.

Illinois Library Association

Forum or Committee: Intellectual Freedom Committee

Report completed by: Matt Matkowski   Date: 2-23-23

Activities underway or completed since the last report:

- Held committee meeting on 1-18-23.
- Many ideas have been generated:
  - Further developed the concept of a "fact check" area on the committee's website where librarians can have easy access to facts and in-context representation of commonly challenged books. We have discussed how to solicit volunteers to contribute to it.
  - Tam has been contacted to set-up a date for a 1A Audit/Book Challenge Tips Noon Network.
  - ILA Annual Conference 2023 Panel
    - Changed gears to discuss the possibility of partnering with the Trustee Forum to present a panel about IF issues to trustees.
  - The committee chair, along with the ILA executive director and committee liaison, attended a meeting with people from RAILS, AISLE, and IHLS to discuss the formation of a rapid response network to assist libraries facing materials challenges.

Projected activities during the upcoming months:

- The remaining IF committee meetings for the term are:
  - 3-8-23
  - 5-10-23
- Finalize at least 1 Noon Network, work out details of ILA Annual Conference panel, start generating material for the "fact check" section.

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

- None at this time.