



## ILA Forum and Committee

This form is to be completed by committee chairs/forum managers in collaboration

Executive Board will have meetings in 2022-23: 9/22/22, 11/17/22,

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](mailto:ila@ila.org).

Illinois Library Association

## Reports

by committee chairs/forum with board liaisons. The ILA meetings on the following dates 1/12/23 (mid-year "mini meeting;" no report necessary unless you are requesting board action), 3/9/23, 5/25/23.

Forum or Committee: Intellectual Freedom Committee

Report completed by: Matt Matkowski

Date: 5-10-23

Activities underway or completed since the last report:

- Held committee meetings on 3-8-23 and 5-10-23.
- Submitted a panel for the 2023 ILA Annual Convention.
  - This one is a partnership between IFC and the Trustee Forum, a trustee-focused panel about how to handle challenges.
  - The panel we were working on with the Youth Services Forum didn't come together for logistical reasons, but I really hope it gets tried again next year because it includes a component on how to take care of your mental health during challenges, something that has not been explored very much to date in this new reality of challenges.
- Committee member Betsy Mahoney and chair Matt Matkowski presented a Noon Network about intellectual freedom trends on 4-24-23.
- The "Fact Check" project – a collection of documents with fast facts about oft-challenged books – is slowly but surely coming together. The committee is looking for volunteers to assist.
- Committee chair attended the ALA's SIFNet meeting in April and felt very glad to be working in Illinois libraries, compared to legislative activity in some other states.
- Committee chair attended meetings of the Illinois Rapid Response Team, where we continued to plan getting the project off the ground.

Projected activities during the upcoming months:

- Endorse a nominee for the Intellectual Freedom Award.
- May try to submit an article for the ILA Reporter.
- Get things ready to hand over for the committee term.

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

- None at this time.