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 2023-24: 9/14/2023, 11/16/2023, 1/11/2024 (mid-year "mini meeting;" no report necessary unless you are requesting board action), 3/7/2024, 5/16/2024. 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

Report completed by: Elizabeth Lynch   **Date: 8/25/23**

Activities underway or completed since the last report:

The committee is presenting Book & Program Challenges: A Primer for Trustees at the ILA Annual Conference.

A group of volunteers from the committee met to work on our Banned Book Fact Sheet project. We will create a document for frequently challenged titles with key information about reviews, awards, and context. We hope this will make it easy for community members and librarians to defend these titles. The group agreed on a template, updated the list of titles, and agreed on a goal of having fact sheets ready for the website by December.

Members of the committee volunteered to serve as liaison's to the Regional Response task force. They are attending the next meeting and will report back to the committee.

A committee member met with the ACLU to discuss potential partnerships. We are thinking of having them present or provide training and are exploring other partnerships as well. We heard that they have trouble getting information on challenges and would like to find a way to stay more informed.

Projected activities during the upcoming months:

We also discussed creating skits or video trainings on how to handle patron complaints or book challenges at the desk.

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