



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 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: iREAD

Report completed by: Gretchen Schulz

Date: 9/1/2023

Activities underway or completed since the last report:

Since the last report, we welcomed new committee members and thanked outgoing committee members.

Sales for 2023 “Find Your Voice” were finalized and are in line with previous years best sales. We were pleased to see our bilingual (English/Spanish) items continue to be very strong sellers. Over 40 states participated, and we had international participation from libraries in Australia, Bermuda, Canada, and New Zealand.

Committee members Donna and Maisie attended the ALA Annual Conference with the support of Becca, Jill, and Rob. They received positive feedback for 2024’s theme “Read, Renew, Repeat.”

Projected activities during the upcoming months:

The 2024 Resource Guide will be finalized soon.

We are looking forward to showcasing 2024’s “Read, Renew, Repeat” during our participation at ILA’s Annual Conference this October.

Art and Resource Guide organization is well underway for 2025’s “Level Up.”

The theme for 2026 will be finalized, as well as committee appointments.

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

None.