



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 2021-22: 9/23/21, 11/18/21, 1/13/22 (mid-year “mini meeting;” no report necessary unless you are requesting board action), 3/17/22, 5/19/22. Reports should be submitted two weeks before each board meeting to the board liaison and the ILA office, 33 W. Grand Ave., Ste. 401, Chicago, IL 60654-6799; fax: 312-644-1899; email: ila@ila.org.

Forum or Committee: Public Policy Committee

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Date: Sept 9, 2021

Activities underway or completed since the last report:

- Voted to approve update of [Public Policy Principles](#)
 - Request that Executive Board review and approve changes
- Voted to approve [Public Policy Committee Handbook](#)
 - Document for committee members’ reference; primarily compiles information, protocols, and best practices regarding PPC found on ILA website
- Committee members heard from proponents of various legislative initiatives that have been suggested to PPC, and then registered their opinion on the relative rank of those proposals. [Link to folder with explanation of proposals.](#)

Our recommendation is that the Executive Board prioritize the proposals as follows:

Databases	58
Broadband	57
E-book pricing	56
Levy & general fund	48
OMA training	44 (tie)
Cards for <18	44 (tie)
Mergers	29

For reference, a single item could have earned as few as 12 points or as many as 84.

Projected activities during the upcoming months:

- Develop strategy and tactics to further legislative proposals as directed by Executive Board
 - Assign PPC members to work on specific legislation
- Monitor federal & state legislature for developments that may affect libraries
 - Currently paying close attention to IL Diversity in Literature bill

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

- Request that Executive Board review and approve changes to Public Policy Principles
 - Once approved, please direct ILA staff to update website accordingly
- Request that board members become familiar with [proposals under consideration](#) and consider relative difficulty of various initiatives. Share insights and questions with PPC. When ready, vote to establish ILA’s legislative priorities for the year and communicate same to PPC Chair & Liaisons.