



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 2022-23: 9/14/2022, 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: Public Policy Committee

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Activities underway or completed since the last report:

- Committee met on August 7 & August 28, 2023 to review legislative proposals submitted by ILA members
- Committee is recommending legislative pursuit of the following proposals, in order of priority (with particular emphasis on the top three):
 - Equitable access to electronic literacy materials (i.e., reasonable ebook pricing)
 - Acquisition of treasurer bonds for libraries (to lower the percentage of funds to be bonded)
 - Raising the competitive bidding threshold (recommendation is to go for \$35,000 and expect negotiations to result in an outcome of \$30,000)
 - Providing an avenue for libraries to tax cannabis dispensaries

Projected activities during the upcoming months:

- Upon adoption of legislative proposals/agenda by ILA Executive Board, the committee will work with ILA’s staff, lobbyist, and membership to promote and advocate for the desired legislative outcomes
- Additionally, the committee will continue to work on prior years’ priorities:
 - Creating an avenue for the streamlining of records disposal
 - Working on legislation allowing an occasional or one-time transfer of funds from overfunded special funds to an underfunded general corporate tax fund

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

- Confirming which legislative proposals to pursue in the upcoming year