



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 November 6, 2023; December 4, 2023; January 8, 2024; and February 5, 2024.
- Committee members participated in the regional Legislative Meetups.
- The committee, in collaboration with RAILS, sent out a survey requesting information about libraries’ ability to publish notices in local newspapers (if there’s a local print paper, how much it costs, etc.): <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y3RTM5V>.
- Bills for the three 2023-2024 legislative priorities - increasing the competitive bidding threshold, lowering the amount covered by treasurer’s bonds, and addressing e-book pricing - have been filed.
- FYI - ILA has a bill tracker on its website: <https://www.ila.org/advocacy/illinois-legislative-issues/legislative-issues/bill-monitoring>

Projected activities during the upcoming months:

- The committee will continue to work with ILA’s staff, legislative consultant, and membership to promote and advocate for the identified legislative outcomes.
- The committee will meet on March 4, 2024 and April 1, 2024 to review the updated bills list provided by Derek Blaida and discuss what action, if any, is needed by the committee, ILA, and/or the wider library community.
- The committee will consider the survey results re: publication notices to determine if legislative action is advised.
- The committee will hear from Derek Blaida about possible Open Meetings Act revisions outlined by the Illinois Municipal League.

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

- None at this time.