



Illinois Library Association **Reports**

ILA Committee and Forum

This form is to be completed by committee chairs/forum managers in collaboration with board liaisons. The ILA Executive Board will meet on the following dates in 2020-21: 9/24/20, 12/3/20, 3/25/21, and 5/20/21. Reports should be submitted **two weeks before each board meeting** to the board and staff liaison (liaisons are listed on rosters at <http://www.ila.org/about/committees> or <http://www.ila.org/forums>) and the ILA office (email: ila@ila.org).

Committee or Forum: Awards Committee

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Activities underway or completed since the last report:

On October 22 after the main conference wrapped up, we successfully (with only minor hitches) presented the first virtual ILA Awards Ceremony. Anecdotal feedback from award winners was positive! We also purchased and sent small gifts from the ILA Store to the award winners as an extra token of our congratulations (thanks to Tamara Jenkins for handling that).

Projected activities/initiatives during the upcoming months:

We have scheduled our next Zoom meeting for December 2nd to discuss lessons learned and other feedback from this year's ceremony to take into account for next year (whether the event will be virtual again or physical). We will also take this opportunity to formulate a general outline for our activities for the remainder of the "committee year," including introducing more descriptive words to titles of some awards (i.e. something like the Crosman Award for New Professionals), clarifying award criteria, and promoting awards to garner a healthy pool of candidates for 2021.

Intended outcome/goals of project(s):

The intended goal of all of our remaining work is to attract a substantial pool of nominees for 2021 awards. Obviously, helping promote the awards far and wide among Illinois library professionals will hopefully get more nominators thinking about completing a nomination for a colleague(s). Then, we hope that clarifying the names and criteria for each award will hopefully make it easier for said nominators to recognize when their potential nominee is eligible, and for which award.

Anticipated timeline(s) and completion date(s) for each project:

Clarifying award titles and criteria should be completed this winter (perhaps January-February).

Promoting awards will take place in the late winter/early spring to get people thinking about it well ahead of the May deadline for nominations.

Activities should be designed to advance the ILA Strategic Plan. Which strategic goal areas are best addressed by the activities above? Check all that apply and describe briefly how the activities will advance the goal(s). View the full plan at <http://www.ila.org/about/strategic-plan>.

Goal area: Advocacy—Legislative Advocacy

Goal area: Advocacy—Community Advocacy

Goal area: A Culture of Diversity and Inclusion—In the Profession

Goal area: A Culture of Diversity and Inclusion—In the Association

Goal area: Delivery of Member Value

Goal area: Leadership

Making sure the award candidate pool is inclusive and diverse, encompassing all corners of the Illinois library profession to recognize the great work being done everywhere (and not just in libraries already “keyed in” to the award cycle, etc.).

Questions or concerns that need to be addressed by the ILA Executive Board (**please discuss with your board or staff liaison first. Board liaisons can help with strategic, programmatic, policy-related and content-related questions; staff liaisons can help with procedural or business-related questions**):