



Illinois Library Association

ILA Committee and Forum Reports

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: ILA 2021 Conference Planning Committee

Report completed by: Rachel Park

Date: 11/19/2020

Activities underway or completed since the last report:

Committee leadership decided that the 2021 conference will be held virtually.

The committee finalized the conference tagline for 2021, "Breaking Down Barriers: Building Up Communities."

The committee discussed possible keynote and president's program speakers, but no final decisions were made.

Committee chairs formed subcommittees to address specific aspects of the 2021 conference, including the call for programs, Tuesday night and Wednesday night activities, conference ambiance, and speaker education. Members were assigned to those subcommittees and each one has a committee co-chair liaison responsible for coordinating activities and keeping the board and executive committee members informed.

The next committee meeting is set for December 2nd

The committee will review feedback from the 2020 conference prior to the meeting and discuss.

The committee chose a conference logo:



Illinois Library Association **2021 Annual Conference** October 12–14, 2021

Projected activities/initiatives during the upcoming months:

Continued planning for the 2021 conference, including finalizing speakers, discussing the format of the 2021 conference, sending out the call for programs, and reviewing feedback from the 2020 conference.

Intended outcome/goals of project(s):

Running a successful conference which furthers the goals of greater equity, diversity, and inclusion, both in ILA and in Illinois Libraries.

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

Completion Date will be October 12th, 2021!

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 and in the Association

By focusing our conference on Diversity and Inclusion, we hope to highlight its importance in our profession and in our association. We hope the conference will provide opportunities for educating members about diversity and inclusion.

Goal area: Delivery of Member Value

The conference provides a tangible benefit for members. They are invited to network, present, and learn as a benefit of their membership in ILA. We have reassessed our subcommittees for the conference and will continue to evaluate the programs we will offer to ensure that members from all kinds of librarianship find value in the conference.

The 2021 conference committee will review feedback from the 2020 conference to ensure that the 2021 conference will provide as much value to members as possible.

Goal area: Leadership

The conference gives members an opportunity to connect with other partners from across the state. It encourages conversations and partnerships that can equip our members to break down barriers, expand access, and support each other as Illinois librarians.

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**):

THANK YOU for your service to ILA and Illinois librarianship!