



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: ILA Reporter Advisory Committee

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Date: 11/13/2020

Activities underway or completed since the last report:

This committee has met twice – Thursdays, September 17 and October 15, at 2:00 pm. At both meetings, the committee checked in to see how the individual articles were advancing.

Projected activities/initiatives during the upcoming months:

The December 2020 issue will feature an article from Jennifer Robertson, *Supporting Homeschooling*, and an article from Kim Tipton and Tana Petrov, *Away from the Library*. Both have been received. The third article that we requested to be featured has been moved to a later issue. This issue also includes regular content including the ILA Virtual Conference wrapup, Awards Showcase, Sylvia Murphy Williams Scholars profiles, and Annual Report.

The March 2021 issue will feature an article from Kim Tipton, *Teaching/Instruction Reflection*, an article by Tana Petrov, *Focused on Outreach: Beyond the Building*, and an article by Jennifer Robertson and Alissa Henkel, *Social Justice and Anti-Racism*. All three are in the survey portion of production. In addition, an article was requested based on an ILA Virtual Conference presentation by Joe Marcantonio – #WeWereHere, a Young Adult Services Forum project-feature. A draft has been submitted.

The June 2021 issue will feature an article from Sarah Rice, *A Year after COVID: Where Are We Now?* and an article from Pam Thomas and Alissa Henkel. They are planning on finding an author. They are interested in the topic, *A Year after George Floyd*. Alissa has written a Call for Authors and Topics for Diane Foote to place in the *ILA Reporter*. It is also possible that Jennifer Robertson and Alissa Henkel will work on an article, *Social Justice: A Year Later*.

Intended outcome/goals of project(s):

The goal of the above projects is for the committee to have at least two articles for each issue within our committee year. The authors, viewpoints and information published should reflect the diversity of our Illinois libraries as well as highlighting the diverse communities we serve. Our articles should not focus upon an individual library, but showcase diverse voices and geography.

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

The public deadline for the December issue is September 20, 2020 and the committee deadline is October 20, 2020.

The public deadline for the March issue is December 20, 2020 and the committee deadline is January 20, 2021.

The public deadline for the June issue is March 20, 2021 and the committee deadline is April 20, 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

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

Goal area: Delivery of Member Value

Goal area: Leadership

The ILA Reporter Advisory Committee seeks to include authors, viewpoints and information from a wide variety of Illinois libraries to include both city and rural, both small and large, both upstate and downstate, and any library in between. This committee also recognizes that Illinois libraries serve diverse and various communities. Diversity and inclusion refer not just to the libraries, but also to populations they serve. Concerning the events of 2020, we acknowledge that Illinois libraries have under-served populations to highlight.

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):

None at this time.

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