



ILA Committee and Forum Illinois Library Association 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: Public Policy Committee

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Activities underway or completed since the last report:

- An article showcasing OER has been submitted and run in the March Reporter.
- The committee has a number of bills to consider via Derek. We were not able to get to them all in our regular committee meeting, and a Quick Response Team meeting is set for 5/29 to discuss the remaining bills and screen for which items should be brought back to the committee.
- We continue to discuss member concerns:
 - Budget years for district libraries
 - Standardizing number of board members throughout stats (7 vs 9)
 - Monitoring the U.S. Citizenship Act of 2021 with regards to official language for subject headings
 - Librarians being considered in Phase 1b of vaccination rollout

Projected activities/initiatives during the upcoming months:

- Finalize stance of Illinois bills relating to libraries and determine actions needed, if any
- Discuss the need for a PPC handbook outlining expectations for potential committee members
- Begin to generate ideas for legislative proposals for 2022

Intended outcome/goals of project(s):

- Determine the needs for legislative advocacy
- Determine the best route to ensure that ILA members see themselves as able to participate in PPC as much as possible
- Allow time for legislative proposals to be available to the Executive Board earlier in our schedule

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

- Mid-April
- May
- Potentially having legislative proposals to discuss as early as July meeting

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 Association

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**):

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