



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](mailto:ila@ila.org)).

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Committee or Forum: Public Policy Committee

Report completed by: Daniel Matthews

Date: 11/24/20

Activities underway or completed since the last report:

Due to the diminishing access to our legislature due to the impacts of COVID-19, and the defeat of the Fair Tax amendment and subsequent uncertainty about the IL budget, PPC has officially shifted its focus from the legislative priorities presented to the board previously and will prioritizing larger goals that will be focus on:

- Demonstrating the value of libraries
- Advocating for input in state guidance
- Retaining full library funding.

The previous priorities set forth by PPC will still be acted upon should a clear and manageable opportunity arise

Projected activities/initiatives during the upcoming months:

- Putting our shift to broader goals into action
- Outlining processes to gather statewide feedback through our ex-officio members

Intended outcome/goals of project(s):

New Priorities:

- Shift away from measures that are highly nuanced and niche, to make sure that broad state funding and support for all Illinois libraries is front and center with legislators

Ex-officio Processes

- Broaden the input and perspective available to PPC when considering statewide library matters.

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

New Priorities

- Put into action for the legislative meet-ups, or their substitute, in February, and then will be ongoing throughout the legislative year

Ex-officio Processes

- Discussed on our next meeting, and should be developed and set in early 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 X

Goal area: Advocacy—Community Advocacy X

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

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

Goal area: Delivery of Member Value X

Goal area: Leadership

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!**