



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: ILA 2021 Conference Planning Committee

Report completed by: Rachel Park

Date: 05/11/2021

Activities underway or completed since the last report:

Committee met twice, once to review program proposals in process and to extend the deadline for submissions, and once to review submitted proposals and finalize our list of presenters. We are very excited about the submissions we received and look forward to a great conference.

Tracie Hall from ALA has agreed to be our President's Program Speaker

The committee decided to do "One Book, One Conference" with our keynote speaker, Clint Smith's, book *How the Word is Passed*. ILA purchased \$5,000 worth of books and the first x number of people to register for the conference will receive a copy of the book for free. There will also be conference sessions scheduled for book discussion.

Projected activities/initiatives during the upcoming months:

Begin subcommittee work to address exhibits engagement, speaker education, conference ambiance, and activities for Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

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 12<sup>th</sup>, 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!**