



Illinois Library Association

ILA Forum and Committee Reports

This form is to be completed by committee chairs/forum managers in collaboration with board liaisons. The ILA Executive Board will have meetings on the following dates in 2021-22: 9/23/21, 11/18/21, 1/13/22 (mid-year “mini meeting;” no report necessary unless you are requesting board action), 3/17/22, 5/19/22. Reports should be submitted two weeks before each board meeting to the board liaison and the ILA office, 33 W. Grand Ave., Ste. 401, Chicago, IL 60654-6799; fax: 312-644-1899; email: ila@ila.org.

Forum or Committee: IACRL

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Activities underway or completed since the last report:

Journal Club meetings were held in March and April. The March meeting took place on March 25 and focused on the article “Teaching with Intent: Applying Culturally Responsive Teaching to Library Instruction.” The April meeting took place on April 22 and focused on the article “Affordability of Course Materials: Reactive and Proactive Measures at The Ohio State University Libraries.”

The Spark event titled Spark: Open Pathways–Exploring the Intersections of Diversity Equity and Inclusion and Open Education Resources took place on April 1 and had about 50 attendees. The first half was a presentation from the CARLI on the Open Illinois Hub, and the second half was an unconference with breakout rooms for participants to discuss these issues.

The Spring IACRL Newsletter came out on March 28 and included many important articles including candidate profiles for the IACRL election, an unconference report from ILA 2021, and recent publications by Illinois academic librarians.

The Nominations committee put together a slate of candidates for the 2022 IACRL election, which was open April 1-30. There were two candidates for Vice President/President Elect and one candidate for Secretary. Election results will be announced soon.

The Awards committee received seven submissions for the People’s Choice in Scholarly Publishing Award, and voting was open through April 29. The winners will be announced soon. The committee is still accepting nominations for Illinois Academic Librarian of the Year.

The DEI Committee is working on organizing a list of resources related to DEI, and they contributed a DEI feature to the Spring newsletter. They are also reviewing feedback from forum members about how the DEI committee can best support them.

The IACRL President submitted an unconference proposal for ILA 2022, and it was accepted. A speaker has also been secured for the IACRL luncheon at the conference.

A call for new committee members was put out last month, and new committee members will be installed on July 1. The executive board is also managing transitions of committee chairs.

Projected activities during the upcoming months:

The Vice President/President Elect will be working on assigning committees to new committee members.

Committee annual reports are due to the IACRL President at the beginning of June, she will complete her annual report by the end of June.

Committee chairs will send out appreciation letters to committee members for their year of service. The President will send out appreciation letters to the committee chairs.

The Membership committee is hosting another informal gathering on Zoom at the end of the semester for participants to share their successes and socialize. The last such gathering in December was very well received by participants.

Once election results are announced, incoming officers will be invited to attend board meetings. The President will also set up a transition meeting for incoming and outgoing officers to discuss duties and expectations.

Award winners for People's Choice in Scholarly Publishing will be announced soon, and the winners will have a chance to present and discuss their work at a future webinar or Journal Club.

The Illinois Academic Librarian of the Year will be announced, and that person will be honored at the Awards luncheon at the ILA Conference.

IACRL is preparing to staff a table in the exhibit hall at ILA.

Questions or concerns that need to be addressed by the ILA Board:

None at this time.