



## 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 2022-23: 9/22/22, 11/17/22, 1/12/23 (mid-year “mini meeting;” no report necessary unless you are requesting board action), 3/9/23, 5/25/23. Reports should be submitted two weeks before each board meeting to the board liaison, the ILA staff liaison, and emailed to [ila@ila.org](mailto:ila@ila.org).

Forum or Committee: Reaching Forward Forum

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Activities underway or completed since the last report:

- The Reaching Forward Conference was held on Friday, May 6, 2022, for the first time in-person since 2019. The event was held at Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont. We had 533 attendees. In comparison, our last in-person Reaching Forward Conference in 2019 had approximately 1,000 attendees.
- Our follow up meeting took place on June 7, 2022 to discuss Conference outcomes, feedback, and plans for 2023. Feedback from attendees provided topics of interest that the Forum will keep in mind when planning the 2023 Conference. Attendees also shared that they enjoyed being back in-person to network and socialize with others.
- Rosie Camargo was selected as incoming chair. Rosie is from Niles-Maine District Library and we are excited to have her join the team.
- The Forum is reviewing the Call for Program Proposals in anticipation of going live later this month. No issues have been reported thus far in the review.
- The application for individuals interested in joining the Forum is being promoted by current members, with a deadline of 9/8 to apply.

Projected activities during the upcoming months:

- The first meeting for the 2023 planning season will be held on September 9, 2022. We will review Forum bylaws, establish subcommittees, and set meeting dates for the rest of the planning season.
- The Call for Program Proposals will be live mid-September, at which point the Forum will be actively promoting submissions.

Questions or concerns that need to be addressed by the ILA Board: None at this time.