



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.

Forum or Committee: Reaching Forward Forum

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Activities underway or completed since the last report:

- The first meeting for the 2023 planning session was held on September 9, 2022. We reviewed Forum Bylaws, established subcommittees with a Chair for each, and set meeting dates for the remainder of the year.
- The Call for Program Proposals has been sent out. We have been encouraging proposals in our own networks, Reaching Forward social media, ILA e-alerts, and RAILS e-news. The deadline for incoming proposals will be November 22, 2022.
- We welcomed two new Forum members: Jennifer Hovanec and Shawn Erens.
- Our most recent meeting was held on October 28, 2022 to check in on subcommittee progress and any updates the call for proposals. The Social Media subcommittee has been posting on Reaching Forward social media platforms to generate interest in the conference. The Awards subcommittee discussed ways to improve the nomination process.

Projected activities during the upcoming months:

- Reaching Forward will be participating in the ILA Forum Open House on November 10.
- Forum members will be reviewing the call for proposals following the submission deadline of November 22. Members will rate each proposal and ratings will be averaged.
- The Forum will meet again on December 9 at 11am to discuss the rated proposals and determine which programs should be accepted for the conference. The Forum will reach out to speakers if any clarification is needed on submitted proposals.
- The Awards subcommittee will be developing criteria for the award nominations, prior to the call going out in January.
- The calls for performers and vendors will go out in February.

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