



ILA Committee and Forum

Illinois Library Association 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).

Committee or Forum: Illinois Association of College & Research Libraries (IACRL)

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Activities underway or completed since the last report:

Spark – Trial by Fire: Lesson Learned from a Pandemic was held on December 9, 2021.

In December, the IACRL membership accepted the revised by-laws.

During the March 2021, the IACRL executive board formally added the Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee to its roster.

IACRL held its second town hall this year. IACRL Spring COVID-19 Town Hall One Year Later focused on what our libraries are doing to adapt physical spaces and online library instruction and services. Five panelists from several academic libraries presented on strategies they have employed, which was followed by participant conversation.

Journal Club continues to meet bi-annually. On February 18, 2021, Laura Barnes led a discussion on "If you aren't White, Asian or Indian, you aren't an engineer": racial microaggressions in STEM education." She also created a list of additional resources to share with the membership via the IACRL webpage.

In December 2020, over 60 librarians came together to view and discuss the ACRL webinar "Teaching Online in Plain Language."

Projected activities/initiatives during the upcoming months:

- Planning and promotion of Spark in May or June.
- Create membership videos.
- Hold spring social event.
- Continue monthly meetings of IACRL Journal Club.
- Continue the IACRL webinar series.
- Host 2nd ACRL Webinar.
- Continue to build relationships across library types.

- Call for award nominees for Academic Librarian of the Year

Intended outcome/goals of project(s):

Spark Conference: Main goals are professional development and networking.

DEI Taskforce: Main goals are to increase awareness and take action to make academic librarians more aware of diversity, equity, and inclusion issues.

Bylaws: Main goals are to update bylaws and make necessary changes to standardize operation of IACRL.

Journal Club: The main goals are networking and professional development.

ACRL Webinars: The main goals are networking and professional development.

Awards: The main goal is to highlight the good work of academic librarians and libraries across the state.

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

Spark Conference: May or June 2021

Membership videos: 1st one scheduled for spring 2021

Spring social event: Late April or early May

ACRL Webinars: Spring or summer 2021.

IACRL webinar series: Ongoing

Journal Club: Ongoing

Continue to build relationships across library types: Ongoing

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
X Goal area: A Culture of Diversity and Inclusion—In the Association
X Goal area: Delivery of Member Value
X Goal area: Leadership

The IACRL initiatives build community and offer members opportunities to network at a time when making connections has become more difficult due to the pandemic and social distancing. IACRL programming focuses on offering members opportunities to share with each other and learn about different strategies to meet patron needs. A diverse membership is vital to making the association as rich as possible with a variety of perspectives and experiences. Equity, diversity, and inclusion are paramount to moving our organization forward. IACRL strives to include all academic librarian throughout the state of Illinois and respond to their needs by promoting a culture of diversity and inclusion.

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**):

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