



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: Reaching Forward

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Activities underway or completed since the last report:

Since our last meeting on Friday March 5th, we are putting the final touches in preparing for our conference in May. The deadline for the awards committee is at the end of March. After that they will select this year's winners for the awards.

Tickets have already gone on sale for this year's conferences, and this year Reaching Forward and Reaching Forward South are joining forces! With every purchase for a ticket to one of the conferences, it will also get you in to the other conference as well! We are extremely excited with this and hope it will get a new group of people to attend each conference!

Projected activities/initiatives during the upcoming months:

By the next meeting on Friday April 23rd, we will be planning the final preparations. At this meeting or by it, we will have the forum trained on their duties and by then everyone will have signed up to be hosts and moderators for all the prog
We will also be training the Reaching Forward Forum in how to operate with the conference software we will be using for the conference. I'm hoping we will have access to this soon as we can start to train early.

Award winners will be chosen by then and notified of their honor.

Intended outcome/goals of project(s):

Our intended goal by the next meeting is to have everything ready to go for the conference. Included in this is to be sure that every member of the Reaching Forward forum to be comfortable with the chosen software for conference day. I want everyone to be confident and ready for the conference.

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

All goals should be completed by our next meeting on Friday April 23rd.

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

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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