



Illinois Library Association

ILA Committee and Forum 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: Students and New Professionals Forum

Report completed by: Patricia Chavez, co-manager

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Activities underway or completed since the last report:

- Career Pathway Talk Series: The second webinar in this series, focusing on public librarianship, was held on January 27, 2021. Feedback was generally positive. The final talk for this year will be on March 31, 2021.
- Kyra Lee became the forum's third co-manager in February of 2021. She will serve through January of 2023.
- Leslie Lopez Holder continued working on increasing the forum's social media presence and creating a plan and schedule for social media.
- The forum decided to hold a vote for a revision of the by-laws concerning how long co-managers' terms should last. The deadline for the vote was March 15th.

Projected activities/initiatives during the upcoming months:

- Host the third Career Pathway Talk Series, focused on non-traditional librarian careers, on March 31, 2021.
- Complete a hard membership push.
- Plan the next series of Career Pathway Talk sessions, expanding to topics such as networking and the current job market.

Intended outcome/goals of project(s):

- Increase membership.
- Increase awareness of the forum and its mission.
- Provide students and new professionals with a platform to help them find support and advance in their careers.

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

- Planning for future Career Pathway Talk Series sessions: Ongoing, as we will have to confirm ideas and reach out to possible participants.
- Membership push: Ideas will be discussed at the next meeting, to be held on May 19, 2021.

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>.

Our upcoming forum activities align with the following goals: A Culture of Diversity and Inclusion – In the Profession and Delivery of Member Value.

Goal area: A Culture of Diversity and Inclusion—In the Profession

By hosting the Career Pathway Talk Series, we want to give everyone entering the profession the opportunity to learn more about their options by listening to experienced professionals throughout the field. Because these webinars are free of charge and open to everyone, the information presented to them will be accessible to people who may not be able to afford professional memberships as well and even to people outside of Illinois.

Goal area: Delivery of Member Value

By expanding the topics covered by the Career Pathway Talk Series, we will be responding to feedback received by attendees, which will hopefully better serve their needs and the needs of those the forum still hopes to reach.

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**):

None.

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