



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 2021-22: 9/23/21, 11/18/21, 1/13/22 (mid-year “mini meeting;” no report necessary unless you are requesting board action), 3/17/22, 5/19/22. Reports should be submitted two weeks before each board meeting to the board liaison and the ILA office, 33 W. Grand Ave., Ste. 401, Chicago, IL 60654-6799; fax: 312-644-1899; email: ila@ila.org.

Forum or Committee: Students and New Professionals Forum

Report completed by: Kyra Lee, Co-manager

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Activities underway or completed since the last report:

- The Career Pathway Talk Series held its first session of the year on January 19th, 2022. This session was entitled “How to Network Effectively” and invited two panelists to speak about their experiences networking and connecting with other library professionals. The session was moderated by former SANP co-manager, Patricia Chavez.
- Sarai Barrios became a co-manager at the beginning of February. She will serve through the end January 2024.
- SANP held a quarterly meeting on February 16th. The group decided to change the meeting days to the 3rd Friday of the month in February, May, August, and November. We also elected to change the meeting time to 10 am. This change will take place immediately. Our next meeting will be Friday, May 20th at 10 am.
- Our next Career Pathway Talk Series will be held March 16th, 2021. Entitled, “No Experience Necessary: How Career Changers Can Find Success in Librarianship” will invite three panelists to who have successful pivoted their careers to enter the library science field. The session will be moderated by co-manager, Kyra Lee.
- SANP will be meeting with the Diversity Committee to develop a conference proposal for the ILA Annual Conference in October.

Projected activities during the upcoming months:

- The Forum plans on hosting a roundtable for students in September 2022. It will be focused on mental health and wellness in graduate school.

Questions or concerns that need to be addressed by the ILA Board:

None currently.