



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: **Students and New Professionals Forum**

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Activities underway or completed since the last report:

- Our forum hosted its third Career Pathway Talk Series, "How to Retain BIPOC Students and New Professionals in Librarianship." This was our highest attended webinar of the three scheduled in 2022. It was moderated by SANP member, Anjelica Rufus-Barnes.

-We are in the process of finalizing a mental health roundtable. It is slated to take place in the first week of October and will focus on mental health and wellness in graduate school.

Projected activities during the upcoming months:

-We are currently in search of a new Co-manager (Feb 2023-Jan 2025) and a Social Media Manager who will serve a one-year term.

-We have finalized our titles and descriptions for the 2023 edition of the Career Pathway Talk Series. We will be covering salary negotiations, nontraditional pathways in librarianship, and the experiences of a first-year librarian. We are currently looking for panelists.

-We are working on submitting an article for the December issue of the ILA Reporter. Our article will highlight the formation of the Career Pathway Talk Series and its growth.

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

None at this time.