



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: Young Adult Services Forum

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Activities underway or completed since the last report:

For our professional development meeting on February 16, we had two sets of presenters discuss teens and media literacy education. First, we heard from Sofia and Agatha, the teen co-directors of Teens for Press Freedom, a national youth-led organization dedicated to promoting freedom of the press and factual literacy for teens. Then we heard from Raquelle and Susan, two New Trier High School librarians, about their flexible, modular system to help teens learn to evaluate sources online that is adaptable to different types of library programs. These sessions were recorded and will be shared among members who were unable to attend.

The 2023 Tournament of Books has begun. Books were selected at our January meeting, and we’ve begun posting the first round of reviews. The final round will be posted in May. A People’s Choice bracket is also running alongside the main Reviewer’s bracket. YASF Board Member Jennie Stephens is collecting, editing, and posting the reviews to our YASF Wordpress blog.

Projected activities during the upcoming months:

Posting for the 2023 Tournament of Books will continue. We are exploring the possibility of holding one or two in-person meetings at libraries with newly developed teen spaces, potentially our May meeting, where we’ll host another professional development meeting, centered on Reader’s Advisory. We will likely not have a paid speaker at this session. In April we’ll discuss summer reading planning and start tentative plans for the 2023 ILA Annual Conference. We are also reviewing the responsibilities of the YASF Board Member At-Large position.

Questions or concerns that need to be addressed by the ILA Board: None