



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 2023-24: 9/14/2023, 11/16/2023, 1/11/2024 (mid-year “mini meeting;” no report necessary unless you are requesting board action), 3/7/2024, 5/16/2024. 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:

We announced the winner of our annual Tournament of Books at our May 11 meeting. The winner was *The Sunbearer Trials* by Aiden Thomas, defeating *The Getaway* by Lamar Giles. *The Sunbearer Trials* also won the People’s Choice bracket that runs concurrent with our Reviewer’s Bracket that anyone can vote in, beating *All My Rage* by Sabaa Tahir. In 2021, Aiden Thomas won both the Reviewer and the People’s Choice bracket for *Cemetery Boys*, so they did it again, proving to be a perennial favorite YA writer. [<https://yasfnews.wordpress.com/2023/05/13/2023-tournament-of-books-winners/>]

We awarded the Young Adult Library Professional of the Year Award for 2023 to Randi Carreno of the Fountaindale Public Library.

We selected Sonya Hill of ELA Area Public Library to be the new incoming manager, with a term officially starting July 1. Our leadership is in the final stages of selecting two new board members (Tournament of Books and Social Media) to take office after ILA Annual on November 1.

We are in the planning stages for the ILA Annual Conference in late October. YASF will host an Exhibit Hall booth and an in-person forum meeting. We are co-hosting the Youth and Young Adult Services Unconference and hosting the Dear Teen Librarian panel. Several members will be writing short recaps of YA services-relevant sessions they attended to be posted on our blog.

Projected activities during the upcoming months:

We will make final decisions on the two new board members. We will continue to work on plans and scheduling for the booth, Unconference, Dear Teen Librarian panel, and session write-ups at ILA Annual Conference. We are planning a file management project with Erin Fixel, our Board Member At Large, and Becca Boland, our ILA representative, to store and organize our important forum documents to ease future leadership transitions. We will then work on creating the meeting schedule

and professional development opportunities for the new year, and we will begin preparations for the 2024 Tournament of Books.

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

None.