



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: 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: Reaching Forward Forum

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Activities underway or completed since the last report:

The committee met December 3, 2021 to review the program proposals for the conference. Each proposal had been given a rating of 1-5 (with 5 being the most desired). We then selected, based on content, which proposals best fit the mission of the Reaching Forward Conference.

In all, the committee selected 28 programs covering the objectives of the Conference. The conference is being prepared for in person attendance on May 6.

All subcommittee members have actively participated in organizing the vendors, performers and awards. Social media has been promoting on it's three platforms. Attendees have started registering to meet the early bird discount of April 3.

The timeline for the conference is on schedule and the Committee is looking forward to May 6.

Reaching Forward participated in the ILA Forum Open House on February 25. Van McGary presented the second hour of the two hour program. We had 3 participants and 1 participant expressed interest in joining the committee.

Projected activities during the upcoming months:

The next committee meeting is on April 7 to review the status of the subcommittees. The Awards subcommittee will continue the zoom call to determine the winners of the two awards that will be presented at the conference.

Committee members will meet on May 5 for bag stuffing at the convention center in Rosemont. The conference is May 6.

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

None.