

Illinois Library Association Forum Quarterly Update

Forum or Committee

Illinois Association of College and Research Libraries

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Activities Underway or Completed This Quarter

Feedback on the ACRL webinar viewing that IACRL held on October 24, and the RAILS/IACRL networking events on November 6 and 12, was generally positive. The next time IACRL holds similar events, it might make some changes to the format, to encourage more interaction among attendees and ensure that the discussion topics are as relevant as possible. The IACRL Executive Board is working to plan at least one ACRL webinar viewing for the spring, with the University of Illinois Springfield having expressed interest in serving as a host site. The Board will also meet with RAILS staff at some point in the near future to plan any RAILS/IACRL networking events for the spring, with holding one in the Peoria area a possibility.

An article that Jennifer Marini Jackson, of the University of Illinois at Chicago's Daley Library, wrote on the IACRL activities at the 2018 ILA Annual Conference appeared in the Fall, 2018, issue of ACRL's *Chapter Topics* newsletter. The Forum was one of only three statewide chapters nationally to have an article appear in the Fall issue. The deadline for submitting an article for the Spring, 2019, issue is April 30. A possibility is having an organizer or attendee from one of last fall's RAILS/IACRL networking events write a report.

IACRL is finalizing the lists of committee members for 2018-2019. Once the rosters are set, the Communications Committee will update the lists on the Forum's webpage. The Forum will have its annual elections in the spring and begin recruiting candidates to run for the two offices on the ballot, Vice-President/President-Elect and Secretary/Treasurer. Also, planning for the Spring issue of the *IACRL Newsletter* is underway. The Communications Committee will release the *Newsletter* probably sometime in March.

The IACRL Executive Board is holding its next conference call on Thursday, January 17, and is meeting once a month. The Conference and Continuing Education Committee held a planning meeting in December to discuss IACRL activities at this year's ILA Annual Conference and other projects. The Journal Discussion Club will have its second meeting in late January and also plans to meet once a month. IACRL members continue to publicize IACRL-related news and other items of interest to Illinois academic librarians on its listserv, website, and Facebook and Twitter feeds. These efforts include encouraging members to participate in ILA-sponsored events, such as the Legislative Meet-ups and the Elevate Illinois Libraries Leadership Program.

Proposed Activities During the Upcoming Months

IACRL will remind its members to attend the 2019 ACRL Conference, which will take place April 10-13 in Cleveland, Ohio. Looking ahead to the 2019 ILA Annual Conference, the Executive Board and the Conference and Continuing Education Committee are working on finding facilitators for the Unconference and possibly a speaker for the Luncheon. Other activities in the planning stages include having IACRL members give webinars on topics of

relevance to academic librarians, and recruiting members to serve as “experts” on various areas of librarianship and provide assistance to other members.

Questions or Concerns That Need to Be Addressed by the ILA Board

The Forum does not have any at this time.