



Illinois Library Association

ILA Committee and Forum Reports

This form is to be completed by committee chairs/forum managers in collaboration with board liaisons. The ILA Executive Board will meet on the following dates in 2019-20: 11/21/19, 1/30/20, 4/30/20, and 6/11/20. Reports should be submitted **two weeks before each board meeting** to the board and staff liaison (liaisons are listed on rosters at <http://www.ila.org/about/committees> or <http://www.ila.org/forums>) and the ILA office (email: dfoote@ila.org).

Committee or Forum: IACRL

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Activities underway or completed since the last report (June 2019):

IACRL members attended ILA Orientation Session Day and we were able to brainstorm about ideas for the upcoming year and how IACRL can align with the ILA Strategic Plan.

1. Want to grow membership from different libraries, levels of experience and diverse demographics.
2. Bolster our Unconference with networking and more affordable attendance options
3. Enhance the Annual Meeting Luncheon with formal reports, and discussion of forum topics.
4. Partner with RAILS for re-envisioning of spring IACRL event
5. Grow the IACRL @ ILA track with more presentations and poster sessions

Nominations were sought for the Illinois Academic Librarian of the Year award. Gwen Gregory was selected.

The IACRL annual report to ACRL was submitted.

We hosted monthly IACRL Journal Club meetings.

Sue Franzen updated the IACRL brochure.

Conference and Continuing Education Committee planned for the activities at the ILA Annual Conference. At the conference, IACRL hosted the Unconference, held its annual meeting/luncheon with the inauguration of 2019-20 officers, staffed the IACRL table in the exhibit all collecting data on people wishing to join our Directory of Experts and collecting topics for future webinars to host, and hosted a site on the Pub Stroll. On Tuesday night of the conference, 7 librarians met up for a networking dinner.

Partnered with RAILS for "RAILS/IACRL Online Roundtable: My Library Is..." online event.

The Fall 2019 *IACRL Newsletter* was released.

Membership committee proposed revisiting and updating the IACRL Bylaws and formation of ad hoc committees for special tasks.

Projected activities/initiatives during the upcoming months:

Based on feedback from the ILA Conference, we will investigate a meet-up/ professional development opportunity for Spring 2020.

We will investigate how IACRL can support OERs.

Revision of Bylaws

Continue monthly meetings of IACRL Journal Club

Launch IACRL webinar series

Publish IACRL Directory of Experts

Continue to build relationships across library types.

Host ACRL Webinars

Fall 2019 at Northern Illinois University

Spring 2020 at John Marshall Law School at UIC

Intended outcome/ goals of project(s):

Spring 2020 Meet-up/ Professional Development- networking and professional development, grow membership

OER- support academic libraries in the state with OER

Bylaws- Update to reflect the current and future operation of IACRL

Journal Club- networking and professional development

Launch IACRL webinar series- networking and professional development

Publish IACRL Directory of Experts- networking and professional development

Continue to build relationships across library types- networking and professional development

Host ACRL Webinars- networking and professional development

Anticipated timeline(s) and completion date(s) for each project:

Spring 2020 Meet-up/ Professional Development- if this idea moves forward, the event will be completed by May 30, 2020.

OER- Ongoing

Bylaws- Fall 2020 anticipated completion date

Journal Club- ongoing

Launch IACRL webinar series- anticipated first Webinar in December 2019 or January 2020.

Publish IACRL Directory of Experts- anticipated Spring 2020

Continue to build relationships across library types- Ongoing

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Activities should be designed to advance the ILA Strategic Plan. Which strategic goal areas are best addressed by the activities above? Check all that apply and describe briefly how the activities will advance the goal(s). View the full plan at <http://www.ila.org/about/strategic-plan>.

Goal area: Advocacy—Legislative Advocacy

Goal area: Advocacy—Community Advocacy

xGoal area: A Culture of Diversity and Inclusion—In the Profession

xGoal area: A Culture of Diversity and Inclusion—In the Association

xGoal area: Leadership

Our activities and projects hope to facilitate members growing in their leadership and striving towards a culture of diversity and inclusion in the profession and association. Most of our goals have deal with expanding our membership to include more people from different institutions with a diversity of demographics. We are also striving to grow leadership among our members with professional networking and professional development opportunities.

Questions or concerns that need to be addressed by the ILA Executive Board (**please discuss with your board or staff liaison first. Board liaisons can help with strategic, programmatic, policy-related and content-related questions; staff liaisons can help with procedural or business-related questions**):

None at this time.

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