



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 (January 2020):

The Spring 2020 *IACRL Newsletter* was published on schedule

IACRL hosted its first webinar, "Libraries are Open for Learning: Using OER to Support Students and Faculty," on January 28

Partnering with RAILS to host a new event the Spark Conference. Initially intended to be a replacement for the biennial IACRL conference, due to Coronavirus, it will be an online event.

We contacted the ACRL speaker's bureau to obtain a speaker for the IACRL Luncheon at the ILA Annual Conference. Jon Cawthorne (20-21 ACRL president) has been confirmed as our speaker.

The Journal Club partnered with the CARLI Instruction committee to discuss an article in February.

The nominations committee has created a new template to help nominees craft their statement.

Unfortunately, we canceled the in-person viewing of the ACRL Webinar "Teaching Online in Plain Language: Creating Clear Research Guides, Library Websites, and Online Instruction" at NIU due to Coronavirus. It was originally scheduled for the end of March.

The ILA liaison to IACRL, Reina Williams, moved and had to resign her position. WE welcomed Jennifer Jackson as the liaison for the rest of this year.

The Conference and Continuing Education Committee has submitted proposals for the ILA annual conference and also encouraged academic librarians to submit proposals to the conference.

The membership committee was working on an IACRL meet up for the ALA conference in Chicago but the event has been canceled.

The awards committee has been drafting criteria for 2 new awards, one for scholarly publishing and one for "people's choice." They are currently seeking sponsorship for the awards.

We continue work on developing a "Directory of Experts." The collection form was being worked on before the pandemic and was put on hold. We will now launch the collection at the Spark Conference.

An ad hoc bylaws committee was formed to review and update the bylaws. This effort is being led by Rob Morrison.

Projected activities/initiatives during the upcoming months:

Revision of Bylaws will be complete and voted on at the annual meeting this fall.

Continue monthly meetings of IACRL Journal Club. Our next meeting is in April and then June.

Continue the IACRL webinar series. We are currently planning for an early Fall semester presentation on the topic of online teaching.

Collect information and publish IACRL Directory of Experts

Continue to build relationships across library types.

Host ACRL Webinars (dependent on rules for gatherings)

Awards- new awards

We will investigate how IACRL can support OERs.

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

Continue 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

Awards- offer new opportunities to highlight the great work of academic librarians in Illinois

Host ACRL Webinars- networking and professional development

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

Spring 2020 Meet-up/Professional Development- The Spark Conference is scheduled for May

15, 2020.

OER- Ongoing

Bylaws- Fall 2020

Journal Club- ongoing

Launch IACRL webinar series- first webinar hosted in January 2020. Planning next for August/September 2020

Publish IACRL Directory of Experts- anticipated Summer 2020 (pushed back due to coronavirus)

Continue to build relationships across library types- Ongoing

Host ACRL Webinars- dates dependent on social gathering guidelines forthcoming.

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.

THANK YOU for your service to ILA and Illinois librarianship!