



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: ILA Reporter Advisory Committee

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Activities underway or completed since the last report:

The December, 2019, issue included a guest article, by Amber Lowery of the Peoria Public Library, on the assistance libraries can provide to patrons who are conducting DNA genealogy research. Committee Chair Eric Edwards assisted members Kim Timpton and Tana Petrov with creating and distributing surveys to collect information for their articles that will appear in the June issue (see below). Committee members continue to encourage colleagues to become contributors for the ILA Connector blog.

Projected activities/initiatives during the upcoming months:

The Committee is continuing to finalize article submissions for the March, 2020, issue. Tentatively, the issue will include two articles by Sarah McHone-Chase, on the ILA Strategic Plan (especially diversity-related goals) and the transition to Alma and Primo VE in academic libraries. Alissa Henkel will solicit an article on similar changes in public libraries; that article may appear in the June, 2020, issue. The June issue is tentatively scheduled to include the articles by Kim Tipton (on "unplugged" activities, which do not require technology) and Tana Petrov (on the role of libraries in promoting community engagement with the "maker movement"). Rachel Shulman is planning to submit articles for a later issue, one on leadership and the other covering advocacy.

Intended outcome/goals of project(s):

The goals of the above projects are to ensure that the ILA Reporter contains viewpoints from a broad range of Illinois libraries in each issue, and to adhere to the new production schedule, starting in calendar year 2020.

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

The Committee submission deadlines for the remaining FY 2020 issues are January 20, for the March issue, and April 20, for the June issue. The "public" deadline (applying to outside contributors) was December 20 for the March issue and will be March 20 for the June issue.

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

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

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

Goal area: Delivery of Member Value

Goal area: Leadership

The Advisory Committee is working to ensure that articles contain viewpoints from a broader range of libraries, especially those located outside of suburban Chicago and serving significant numbers of patrons from underrepresented groups. To help make the initiatives, programs, and ideas in the articles as relevant as possible to all Illinois librarians, the Advisory Committee’s members will apply not just a “how to” mindset, but also a “how to think about” mentality, when writing the articles themselves or guiding volunteers in composing them. Also, as mentioned above, Sarah McHone-Chase's March article on the ILA Strategic Plan focuses on implementing the diversity-based principles.

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