



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 2018-19: September 20, 2018; November 29, 2018; January 31, 2019; April 11, 2019; and June 13, 2019. 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: dfoote@ila.org.

Forum or Committee: ILA Reporter Advisory Committee

Report completed by: Eric Edwards and Jane Hanna, Committee Co-Chairs Date: 1/17/19

Activities underway or completed since the last report:

The December issue, planned by Eric Edwards, was packed, with his article "'Non-Traditional' Library Services: Expanding the Library's Offerings While Increasing Community Engagement," "Teen Parents: Strategies for Library Interventions" by Claire Bartlett, Rachael Bild, and Elizabeth Lynch, and "Book Box: How a Cardboard Box Became our Trendiest Program" by Ridgeway Burns, Melisa Martinez, and Karen Keefe.

The forthcoming February issue was managed by Rachel Shulman. We experienced the unique and delightful problem of having too many articles--fourteen!--to fit in a single issue, so curatorial decisions were made to save some of the less time-constrained topics for future issues. We anticipate the following articles will appear in February: "New Library Buildings 2018," "Disaster Planning and Recovery" by Eric A. Edwards, "Libraries and Juvenile Detention Centers" by Rachel Shulman, "Hamiltunes" by Anjelica Rufus-Barnes, and an ILA RTSF Scholarship essay by Mara Fass.

We also discussed some internal changes to our committee's communication and workflow model which should result in more streamlined process that takes up less of Diane Foote's time.

Planning for the April issue is underway with Sarah McHone-Chase serving as manager. Content is still being developed but we can tentatively confirm one article from Lyndsey Carney entitled "Partners in Tech at the Normal Public Library."

Projected activities during the upcoming months:

The remaining issues for 2019 are assigned as follows: Sarah McHone-Chase, April; Erica Cullinan, June; and Robin Helenthal, August. Possible topics for future issues (not specifically assigned yet) include promoting awareness of LGBTQ issues, helping reintegrate former prisoners back into the community, and replacing the Dewey Decimal System with another method of organizing materials.

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

Erica Cullinan accepted a full-time position at the Elmhurst Public Library and notified the committee of her status change. Her presence on the committee is still welcomed, though she may determine that her new responsibility does not allow her the time to participate. We await her decision and may require the Board's assistance determining a replacement if needs-be.