



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](mailto:dfoote@ila.org).

### **Forum or Committee**

*ILA Reporter* Advisory Committee

### **Report Completed by**

Eric Edwards and Jane Hanna, Committee Co-Chairs—submitted on September 4, 2018

### **Activities Underway or Completed This Quarter**

Planning for the October issue, which the whole Committee managed since Heather McCammond-Watts had to resign, is finished. The issue will include the following articles: “The Great American Read: Broadcasters and Libraries Generate a Public Celebration of Books”, by Elizabeth Spezia; “Keep Your Bundt Pans—We’ve Got Kayaks!”, by Patrick Callaghan; “Summer Reading, Summer Collaborating”, by Lorrie Hansen and Mary Michell; and “Library Service to Those Who Serve: Resources and Programs for Veterans”, by Kendall Harvey. The ILA annual report, also, will appear in the issue.

Planning for the December issue, which Eric is managing, is underway. He will write two articles, one on disaster planning and prevention in libraries, and the other on “non-traditional” services libraries provide, such as voter registration and notarization. Additional articles (currently tentative) are “Libraries and Health Literacy”, by Amanda Civitello; and “Fighting Food Insecurity” or “Sexual Health Services for Teens”, either of which Elizabeth Lynch would write.

The Committee had its annual in-person meeting during the ILA Orientation Session in Normal on July 19. It welcomed two new members—Eric Cullinan, of the Naperville Public Library, and Rachel Shulman, of the Vernon Area Public Library. Also, Diana Brawley Sussman, of the Carbondale Public Library, officially took over as the Committee’s liaison to the ILA Executive Board. Committee members had the opportunity to participate actively in ILA’s strategic-planning process during the meeting.

Following discussion during the Committee’s in-person meeting, Rachel submitted a poster session proposal, titled “The *ILA Reporter*: Providing ‘All Inclusive’ Coverage of Illinois Libraries”, for this year’s ILA Annual Conference. (Eric and the rest of the Committee helped put together and review the proposal.) The proposal has been accepted, and Rachel (along with

other Committee members, including Eric, if they are able to attend this year's Annual Conference) will present it on Thursday, October 11. The session will describe how, in recent years, the *Reporter* has strived to include perspectives from as many different types of Illinois libraries as possible in its articles, while making the article topics broadly relevant to the readership.

### **Proposed Activities During the Upcoming Months**

The remaining issues for 2018-2019 are assigned as follows: Eric, December; Rachel, February; Sarah McHone-Chase, April; Erica, June; and Robin Helenthal, August. The February issue might include an article on partnerships in technology at the Normal Public Library, which Lyndsey Carney would write. Other possible topics for future issues (not specifically assigned yet) include promoting awareness of LGBTQ issues, helping reintegrate former prisoners back into the community, replacing the Dewey Decimal System with another method of organizing materials, and the presence of library branches at "non-traditional" locations, such as shopping malls.

Rachel will work with Eric and the rest of the Committee to put together the poster session for the ILA Annual Conference. The Committee will let Diana know if it needs any assistance from the Executive Board in creating the poster.

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

The Committee does not have any at this time.