



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: iREAD

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Activities underway or completed since the last report:

Since the last report, we have shifted our concentration to the 2020 theme, "Dig Deeper: Read, Investigate, Discover." At the February meeting, we spent a majority of the time choosing incentives for the 2020 program. Science kits, magnifying glasses, slime, and various crafts were among the possibilities. 2020 Chair Portia Latalladi is working with Rob Bagstad on the final incentives. We also discussed an all ages poster that focuses on genealogies and family trees. Jill Donovan was creating this one herself. The 2019 theme is well underway, and as experienced at the Illinois Youth Services Institute, many libraries have already placed their order for the summer. Donna Block and I presented and tabled at IYSI. We got a good turnout for the presentation. Kelly Campos, who is not on the committee but contributed to the Resource Guide, promoted the Hamiltunes program that has been successful at her library, the Homewood Public Library. Donna prepared some iREAD trivia with fabulous prizes. Many people were surprised to hear how many states use the program. We also had a table in the exhibit hall where people could enter to win 2019 incentives.

Projected activities during the upcoming months:

We will be at the Reaching Forward conference on May 3 to promote to program to the paraprofessional staff in attendance who may not know about the program. We are still in the process of securing artists for 2021, "Reading Colors Your World." Yuyi Morales has been in contact about contributing art for a while. Other names that have come up as possibilities are Dav Pilkey and Oliver Jeffers, specifically his art from *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt. The next big step for the iREAD chairs is to pick new committee members and a chair for 2022. We've received several submissions via the volunteer link on the iREAD website. We are hoping to have an introductory meeting in June before the first official meeting with the new committee members to answer their questions and give them a better sense of what the work entails. Recently we've have issues with people joining the committee and leaving mid-year for a variety of reasons. We're hoping this additional meeting with allow the new members to feel more comfortable with the transition into the committee.

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